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CHINESE FROM CHINESE EYES

Psychology of the Washerman

"OLD ROGUISHNESS."

Some Effects of Age-Old Environment.

Very rare indeed is the casual foreign visitor to China, who having touched the hem of the garment, is not prepared to dogmatise upon its texture. Rare indeed, is the visiting movie star who will not miss a few columns of publicity by explaining how she "just adores" rikishas, or how she found the Chinese theatre "just too cute." Rarer still is the masculine traveller who has not a few words to say about the "deep, inscrutable Chinese—the magic of Old Cathay—the quaint (why quaint?) native customs," and so on.

It is permissible for the seasoned foreign resident in China to pass over these vapourings with a tolerant smile. Every foreign resident has his own idea of China and the Chinese, founded full often, it must be admitted, upon a rather crazy sub-structure of fact. Foreigners, in the main, it must be frankly admitted, are not in the habit of making any deep analytical study of the Chinese psychology. Sufficient that they "get along," albeit the Chinese are perhaps "a bit odd in some things." "Don't try to understand too much," say the "old China hands," "it will only lead to disillusion. When you've known them as long as I have"

CHINESE AS THEY ARE.

All of which makes a study of the Chinese people, by a contemporary Chinese, all the more illuminating to Occidental eyes.

In a recent issue of the China Critic, Mr. Lin Yutang contributes a lengthy, and very frank appreciation of his countrymen which may help to modify many preconceived notions. He originally gave it as a paper before the Pan-Pacific Association.

He begins with the reasonable premise that "no zoologist has ever been able to show us a dragon, nor has anybody ever succeeded in interpreting the Chinese people to the world." Nor, indeed, does the writer embark upon such a formidable task. But in the course of his argument, it may well be said that he throws much light upon hitherto dark places.

Long-Lived Culture. Mr. Lin claims that even the Chinese washerman, or coolie, "represents a people and a nation, which, in spite of its many manifest faults, has a long history of ancient culture, a workable philosophy of life, a tradition of art and literature . . . a nation which has somehow solved the problem of social decay, which is a puzzle to all sociologists. Biologically, it has absorbed all barbarian conquerors, as well as the Jews in Honan. Its old culture, in spite of many shortcomings, is a culture which has survival value."

The Chinese race, Mr. Lin thinks, owes much to its continued infusion of barbarian blood. Chinese history shows regular cycles of peace and decadence, followed by periods of northern invasion. And then goes on to make the rather startling suggestion that what China needs to-day "is probably the infusion of new Mongolian blood. At any rate, the northern Chinese . . . have supplied us with all the imperial brigands who later became founders of Chinese dynasties."

No southerner has done this, Mr. Lin claims; and after enumerating the northern birth-places of many of China's prominent generals, he concludes with the saddening reflection that "Kiangsu has produced no distinguished general, but has produced some very fine hotel boys."

Good and Bad Qualities. The chief qualities of the Chinese people to-day, both good and bad, Mr. Lin gives as: sobriety, simplicity, love of nature, patience, indifference, old roguishness, (a strange quality, this!), fecundity, industry, love of family life, cheerfulness, and sensuality. They might all be included under the term mellowness, suggestive of calm and passive strength, rather than youthful vigour and romance.

Patience, indifference, and "old roguishness," he considers are the effect of culture and social environment. They are not necessarily part of the Chinese mental make-up, but result from

thousands of years of cultural influence. "In a way, I myself have become patient, indifferent, and an old rogue," he says. "I believe my experience is the experience of every man who has grown up in Chinese society."

Patience and the Family. Patience he considers due to the family system, indifference largely to the lack of legal protection, and "old roguishness," for lack of a better word, to a Taoistic view of life.

Mr. Lin is illuminating on the subject of patience. "We have put up with more tyranny, anarchy, and misrule than any Western people will ever put up with, and seem to be able to regard them as part of the law of nature. Christian patience is like petulance compared with Chinese patience. Perhaps had our capacity for suffering been smaller our sufferings would also be less."

But the family system is the training school. "In the big family where there is very little elbow room for individuals, one learns by necessity and from parental instruction from early childhood the necessity of mutual toleration and adjustments in human relationships."

And here one must pause to reflect how different is the case in the Occident, where a different spirit of individualism prevails, and where youth is (or used to be) expected to make its own way after the preliminary "push-off" into life.

"Indifference." Chinese "indifference" provides Mr. Lin with some interesting reflections. It seems to him that Chinese youths are as public-spirited as foreign youths, (a suggestion that few will be prepared to deny at this date!) He even adds, rather ingeniously, "young Chinese hot-heads show as much desire to meddle with public affairs as those of other countries." Who will not agree, incidentally?

But Mr. Lin shows a little of the traditional "indifference" himself when he blithely continues, "between their twenty-fifth and thirtieth years, they all become wise. Some learn it by their native intelligence, and others by getting their fingers burnt. All old people play safe, because all old rogues have learnt the benefits of indifference in a society where personal rights are not guaranteed, and where getting one's fingers burnt once is bad enough."

Gallant Bandits! Indifference, then, is not a high moral virtue, but a social attitude imposed by the absence of legal protection. This being so, it is highly interesting to learn that "Chinese robbers and bandits, who do not depend upon legal protection, are not an inferior class, but the most public-spirited and chivalrous class of people we know." (Alas, for those preconceived notions!) "Chinese chivalry," under the name of hao-hsia is invariably associated with robbers." Which

SKYSCRAPER FEELS 'QUAKE TREMORS.

28-Storey City Hall Put to Test.

BUILDING SHIVERS.

Los Angeles, Yesterday. The 28 storey city hall, which was specially built to withstand earth tremors, was put to the test yesterday, when a medium to strong earthquake was felt here. The building shivered but was not damaged. The occupants of the higher storeys were very alarmed and a number of windows in the big stores of the coastal suburbs were cracked. Otherwise the City suffered no damage.—Reuter.

must irresistibly recall Robin Hood, Dick Turpin, and other heroes, to the British mind! A "Clever" Poet.

On this subject of "indifference" Mr. Lin recalls the period of the seven poets, or the pleiade of the Bamboo Grove. "Liu Ling, a great poet, could go on a drunken fit for months. He used to travel on a cart with a jug of wine, a shovel, and a grave-digger, giving the latter the order, 'Bury me when I am dead—anywhere, any time.'"

It is wonderful to have to relate that people admired him, and thought him clever! And yet, consider the case of Omar, who had, and still has, his admirers. A Few Epigrams.

On the subject of "old roguishness" the writer waxes epigrammatic. "The older people grow the more shameless they become," he thinks. "Girls of twenty seldom marry for money; women of forty seldom marry for anything else."

"When a man grows old, he develops a genius for flying low . . . and when he is past forty and does not become a crook, he is either feeble-minded, or a literary genius."

"In one sense," he continues, "all Chinese are more or less old rogues, the old ones being worse than the young," following upon this unassailable dictum with the explanation that "old roguishness" means "that quality of the people which render some incapable of high idealism, mocks at the hollowness of life, and reduces all human activities to the simple level of the alimentary canal, and other simple biological needs."

Later, the writer says that when "another old rogue, Li Yuan-hung, pronounced the heartily accepted formula for the solution of Chinese political problems, 'When there is rice, let everybody eat' he gave the profoundest explanation of Chinese politics that I ever knew of."

Chinese Epitomized. "As a people," Mr. Lin concludes, "we are great enough to draw up an imperial law code, but also great enough to distrust lawyers and law courts. We are great enough to have elaborate rules of ceremony, but great enough to treat them as part of the great joke of life. We have no use for impracticable idealism, as we have no patience for doctrinaire theology. In one word, we recognise the necessity of human effort, but we also admit the futility of it. This general attitude of mind, therefore, has a tendency to develop passive defensive tactics . . . which can be more terrible than any tactics of aggression."

"If a boy in a restaurant is rude, you can do something, and complain to the management. But if the boy replies in the most elegant manner, 'coming, coming' and does not bring the food, you can do absolutely nothing but pray or curse in an elegant manner also. Such, in brief, is the passive strength of the Chinese people. It is the strength of the old rogue."

And such, in brief, is the delineation of the Chinese character by a Chinese journalist. Critics may say that he has put his case high. It is not certain, perhaps, that all his theories are tenable, or all his claims justifiable. But the lucid and convincing manner of their exposition cannot be questioned. Mr. Lin's article, one thinks, is definitely helpful to the foreigner who seeks the proper perspective on Chinese mentality.

—B.B.

TRIPLE BLUE PLAYS BRILLIANT GOLF.

To Meet ex-Champion For Final To-day.

FAVOURITE DEFEATED.

London, Yesterday. The triple "Blue," Leonard Crawley, whose exploits have hitherto been mainly confined to the cricket field for Essex, and Cambridge, showed that he could hit other things than leg boundaries in the English Native Amateur Golf Championship at Ilmston, Norfolk, in which he reached the final to-day, defeating one of the favourites, Edward Tippet, of Langley Park, at the twentieth.

Throughout the championship Crawley won only one match before the eighteenth. He meets the ex-Cheshire oil worker, William Sutton, the 1929 champion, for the 36 hole final to-morrow.—Reuter.

FAILED TO OBSERVE SIGNALS.

Cause of Train Tragedy at Leighton Buzzard.

INQUEST ON VICTIMS.

London, Yesterday. At the inquest on the six victims of the Royal Scot express smash at Leighton Buzzard on March 22, a verdict of accidental death, due to the driver failing to observe the signals was returned. There was no culpable negligence.—Reuter.

REVOLT ENDED.

ATTRIBUTED TO ECONOMIC DEPRESSION.

REBELS KILLED.

Washington, Yesterday. It is reported from Tegucigalpa that the revolution in Honduras ended following the

OVERCAST.

The Royal Observatory's weather report this morning states:

There is a depression over Central Japan, and an anticyclone over Shanghai and Nagasaki.

Forecast: E. winds, fresh to moderate; generally overcast.

victory of Government forces on April 23. Twenty-nine persons were killed in the revolt, which is attributed primarily to the economic depression.—Reuter's American Service.

[A message dated April 19 stated:—The revolutionary fever has reached Honduras.

According to wireless reports a revolt flared up at Progress at two o'clock in the morning. Several hundred armed men are at present marching on the important fruit-shipping centre of Tela.

Scattered outbreaks occurred elsewhere. It is at present unknown whether the capital, Tegucigalpa, is affected.

From Washington it is reported that the United States light cruiser Memphis has been ordered to proceed to the north coast of Honduras.]

KING MEETS EX-KING

ALFONSO RECEIVED AT WINDSOR CASTLE.

London, Yesterday. H.M. King George received ex-King Alfonso at Windsor Castle to-day.—Reuter.

FRENCH ATTACHE.

M. BONAVITE APPOINTED TO PEKING.

Paris, Yesterday. Chief of Battalion Bonavite has been appointed Military Attache to the French Legation at Peking.—Havas.

NON-TREATY PORT SAILINGS.

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ALTERATION IN LAW.

The Government Gazette publishes the draft of a Bill to amend further the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899.

Section 4 (2) of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, is amended by the addition of the following proviso at the end thereof:—

Provided further that it shall be lawful and shall be deemed always to have been lawful for the Governor in Council to grant special exemption, which may be subject to any conditions he may impose, from all or any of the requirements of this sub-section in the case of any ship regularly plying between the Colony and Dosing, Swabue (Shanmi), Ping Hoi, Ma Kung, Sha Yu Chung, Nam O, Tip Fuk, O Tau or any other non-treaty port if the master and mate shall have passed a special examination before the Harbour Master and shall be approved by him for service on such voyages.

Section 44 of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, is amended by the deletion of the words "a fee of one dollar" in the last line thereof and by the substitution thereof of the words "such fee as the Governor in Council shall prescribe."

This Ordinance shall not come into operation unless and until the Governor notifies by Proclamation that it is His Majesty's pleasure not to disallow the same and thereafter it shall come into operation upon such day as the Governor shall notify by the same or any other Proclamation.

Objects and Reasons.

It has been the practice to grant special exemption from the requirements of section 4 of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, to certain small steamers holding Hong Kong passenger licences regularly plying between the Colony and places not open to general trade. The practice would seem to require an amendment of the section, which is relaxed by its proviso in the case of river steamers and trollers and which was further relaxed in 1917, in the case of river steamers, for a period of 6 1/2 years, by Ordinance No. 13 of 1917 and Notification No. 422 of 1923. Section 2 of this Ordinance accordingly adds a third proviso to section 4 (2) of the principal Ordinance. Section 3 amends section 44 of the principal Ordinance by substituting the words "such fee as the Governor in Council shall prescribe" for the words "a fee of one dollar" which is considered an inadequate sum to charge for the informative abstract which is to be supplied under the section. Section 4 of this Ordinance is the suspending clause usual in the case of an Ordinance relating to Merchant Shipping.

CAMERA FIENDS.

THREE FRENCH OFFICERS RELEASED.

APOLOGY TO GERMANY.

Berlin, Yesterday.

The three French officers who were arrested at Koenigsberg for photographing manoeuvres have been allowed to leave Germany, going hurriedly, via Poland. The French Ambassador at Berlin apologised for the behaviour of the officers, and the German Foreign Office is not taking the incident seriously.—Reuter.

[It was reported from Berlin on April 19 that three French officers dressed in mufti, including the French Military Attache at Berlin, were arrested at Koenigsberg, photographing soldiers' drilling. They were subsequently released but the cameras were confiscated. The German Foreign Office made representations to the French Embassy concerning the affair. It was said that the officers had been visiting the battlefields of East Prussia with the knowledge of the German authorities.]

IDEALS OF CATALAN REPUBLIC.

Prepared to Fight to the Death.

SENSATIONAL SPEECH.

Madrid, Yesterday. A sensational declaration by Senor Macia, President of the Catalan Republic, is reported in a Madrid newspaper, according to which Senor Macia, addressing a crowd at Barcelona on St. George's Day, emphatically declared "Catalonia has temporarily sacrificed part of her sovereignty for high patriotic interests. Her aspirations for liberty as expressed by a plebiscite will be submitted to the Cortes, and if we meet with a refusal we shall fight to the death to achieve our ideals."—Reuter.

Earlier News.

Tokyo, Yesterday. The Cabinet has decided to recognise the new Spanish Government.

Plot at Valencia.

Valencia, Yesterday. The Civil Governor is reported to have discovered a Royalist plot in which members of the Artillery are involved.

Two arrests have been made including the young son of an Artillery officer who ordered 5,000 monarchist cockades from a military clothing factory, allegedly on behalf of an Artillery regiment, the Marquis De Sotelo (ex-Mayor of Valencia) and leaders of the Patriotic Union.

It appears that the Monarchist programme included a rising at Cordova.

Elections for June.

Madrid, Yesterday. The Cabinet has decided that the elections to the Constituent Assembly shall be held in June, probably on June 21 or 25. The voting age has been reduced from 25 to 23.—Reuter.

BUDGET SPEECH.

MR. SNOWDEN TO MAKE PERSONAL APPEARANCE.

REVENUE PROPOSALS.

Rugby, Yesterday. The Chancellor of the Exchequer Mr. Philip Snowden, to-day returned to Downing Street for the first time since his long and painful illness. During the afternoon he attended a Cabinet Council. He has made excellent recovery but is still under medical care and as a precautionary measure his two doctors will be present in the House of Commons on Monday when he makes his annual Budget statement.

In order to prevent any undue physical strain, it is expected that Mr. Snowden's speech will be shorter than usual and will not last much more than an hour. He will probably curtail references to the financial results of the past year, devoting most of his speech to revenue proposals.—British Wireless Service.

VACCINATION.

"PERIOD OF GRACE" MUCH LOWER.

SUMMER ALLOWANCES.

In the Government Gazette is published a draft Bill to amend the Vaccination Ordinance, 1923. The objects and reasons state: This Ordinance reduces the period of grace for unvaccinated children born within the Colony or admitted to school therein, from six months to six weeks, and repeals the sub-section of section 14 of the principal Ordinance which exempted guardians from penalties for not causing children to be vaccinated during the summer months. Sub-section (3) of that section is altered so as to allow six weeks instead of one month as the period of grace in the case of children brought here for the first time. This Ordinance also repeals a sub-section of section 21 of the principal Ordinance the effect of which is spent.

The Yarmouth County Farmers' Association, during 1930, awarded four scholarships to the Agricultural College at Truro, as well as aiding in junior-club work and in general agricultural progress by a series of meetings.

BRITAIN'S POST WAR DIPLOMACY.

Getting Rid of Distrust and Suspicion.

NEW SPIRIT NEEDED.

London, Yesterday. Mr. Arthur Henderson, speaking at a dinner of the Foreign Press Association, said that at present we were in a transition stage between the old individualistic diplomacy and the post War diplomacy of conciliation and co-operation. Hence the importance of arbitration and disarmament. The former alone could not make peace secure.

The old spirit of suspicion, distrust, and insecurity would not effectively be banished until disarmament was completed. A successful disarmament conference would go far towards minimising the dangers of an economic depression.

Failure to settle difficulties like the Franco-Italian naval problem might inaugurate building programmes which sooner or later would destroy the value of the London Naval Treaty.—Reuter.

Rugby, Yesterday. Speaking to-night at the annual dinner of the Foreign Press Association, the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Arthur Henderson, said that we were in the transition stage between the old individualistic diplomacy and the new diplomacy of conciliation and co-operation. Much was being done to reconstruct the international relations on a better basis.

The Government set much store by arbitration and disarmament. They had signed the optional clause and 84 nations had now accepted this obligation. They had adhered to the General Act for Pacific Settlement. It was impossible to overestimate the importance which they and he thought all parties in Great Britain attached to the success of the forthcoming Disarmament Conference, which would do more than any other single factor towards removing the economic depression.

A serene international atmosphere was one of the best guarantees of material prosperity.

Progress Made.

Happily in disarmament progress had been made. The draft scheme recently evolved at Geneva enabled a disarmament conference to open early next year. Mr. Henderson continued that it was useless to pretend that the spirit of suspicion, distrust, and insecurity which plagued the old diplomacy had been banished. He did not believe that they could be banished unless we completed the work of disarmament contemplated in the Versailles Treaty and in article 8 of the League Covenant, and until the Nations placed greater reliance upon the solemn obligations of the League.

The Foreign Secretary concluded by saying that interest in permanent peace had been the principle object of our active participation in international affairs. It influenced our policy with regard to the Rhineland and other questions, including the Franco-Italian Naval Negotiations. He felt that a settlement of the Franco-Italian Naval problems would greatly help the Disarmament Conference and failure might sooner or later destroy the value of the London Naval Treaty. Our position on this issue was typical. We intervened partly as a European Power to help settle a European problem, and partly as an extra European Power in the interest of World Peace and friendly international relations.—British Wireless Service.

COTTON CONGRESS.

TWENTY-TWO COUNTRIES TO BE REPRESENTED.

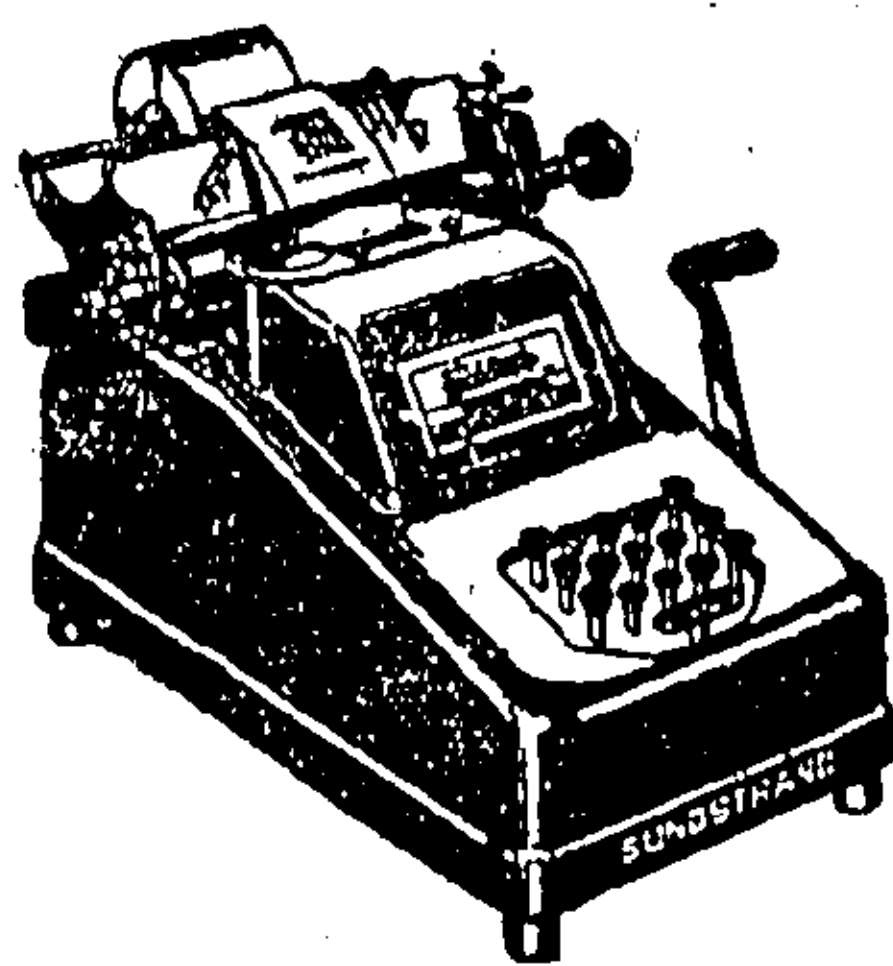
U.S.A. NOT A MEMBER.

Paris, Yesterday. Twenty-two countries will be represented at the congress of the International Cotton Federation on June 23, including 21 of the Federation and the United States, which is not a member. The delegates will total 500 or 600.—Reuter.

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WOMEN'S OPENINGS IN PROFESSIONS.

Need for Doctors in
Girls' Schools.

MORE TEACHERS WANTED.

That the professions of medicine, law and teaching offer good openings for women in India was stressed at the monthly meeting of members of the Bengal Presidency Council of Women held at the residence of Lady Mookerjee in Harrington Street, Calcutta.

Mr. Alfred H. Watson presided. Dr. Maitreyi Bose, of the Chittaranjan Seba Sadan, remarked that there was a wide opening for women doctors, partly for private work among women, especially in purdah homes, partly for medical inspection in girls' schools, and partly for hospital work.

A great opportunity for women doctors to do good work was in girls' schools, where girls on the threshold of womanhood should possess a sound and healthy knowledge of their own physiology.

Given the same opportunities, the woman doctor could be as good a surgeon, physician and bacteriologist as the man.

Miss Alton observed that there was much scope for women in the legal profession in India. Opposition at the Bar itself was no more, and perhaps less, than that which existed between man and man.

There were very few women barristers in India, and, until more women entered this field, they could not gain as much confidence from their clients as men had done.

Only Two Subjects.

In emphasising the need for women in the teaching profession, Miss Secar, principal of the Brahma Girls' School, said that most Indian women teachers taught history and literature, but almost invariably it was necessary to turn to foreign women for geography teachers, and, as a rule, they had to call upon men as teachers of music and science.

The economic condition of India, she declared, was compelling Indian women to seek work, and it was regrettable that training colleges were so small and few.

There were many girls in the villages and homes who were seeking work, and the teaching profession was waiting for such people.

Mr. Alfred H. Watson said that the legal gates in India were now fully open to women; she had only to press her way through. But, in the legal and medical professions, she would do well not to press her way too rapidly, as openings for women barristers, solicitors, and doctors were limited.

As regards the teaching profession, India had need for more women than in the legal or medical professions. Teachers' training cost less than qualifications for members of either of the other professions. This training was not expensive, and it was not necessary to be a university graduate to undertake teaching in elementary schools.

The girls who embarked upon teaching as a profession, had at least the assurance of an income and a career, and the girl who was capable of teaching had the power of deciding whether she would lead her life alone.

Mrs. Urquhart suggested that there should be more openings in journalism for Indian women, and that an enormous amount of Indian talent might be diverted in that direction.

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The "hardest" words of those tests follow, with the percentage of correct spelling by ninth and twelfth grade students. The list includes all the common words misspelled by 40 per cent. or more of the ninth grades.

Accommodate, 54 and 85; affectionately, 56 and 83; annum, 26 and 62; anxiety, 59 and 88; approximately, 54 and 75; chauffeur, 47 and 70; debit, 52 and 88; imagined, 58 and 86; negotiations, 47 and 68; ordinarily, 56 and 78; pamphlets, 45 and 68; president, 46 and 78; principles, 69 and 83; procedure, 45 and 64; recommendation, 50 and 72; representatives, 53 and 85; scheduled, 45 and 67; seized, 47 and 74; specimens, 60 and 90.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres.

4-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
5-7 p.m.—Chinese Studio Concert.

7-11.30 p.m.—European Programme of Columbia Records kindly supplied by Messrs. Anderson Music Co.

7-7.18 p.m.—Four Norwegian Dances (Greig).
Norwegian Dance No. 1 in D Minor.
Norwegian Dance No. 2 in A Major.
G. Schaeboigt & London Symphony Orchestra (7128).
Norwegian Dance No. 3 in G Major.
Norwegian Dance No. 4 in D Major.
G. Schaeboigt & London Symphony Orchestra (7129).

7.18-8 p.m.—Concert Items.

Song—
Comin' Thro' the Rye,
Doris Vane, Soprano (9176).
Cello Solo—
Le Cygne (Saint-Saens),
Felix Salmon (7107).

Song—
The Temple Bells
(Woodford-Finden).
Less Than Dust
(Woodford-Finden).
Edgar Coyle, Baritone (1654).

String Quartet—
Ave Verum (Mozart).
Traumeri (Schumann).
Catterall String Quartet (59092).

Song—
Bronwen—Cradle Song
(Ellis & Holbrooke).
Doris Vane, Soprano (LX78).
Violin Solo—
Oriental (Cui).
Efrem Zimbalist (M181).

Song—
Columbine's Garden
(Dowdon & Besley).
Little Lady of the Moon
(Weatherley & Cantel).
Hubert Elsdell, Tenor (5212).

8.05-8.32 p.m.—Orchestral.
Le Coq d'Or—Russian Dance
(Rimsky-Korsakow).
Le Coq d'Or—Bridal Procession
(Rimsky-Korsakow).
British Broadcasting Co.'s
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Orchestra (50030-D).
Semiramide—Overture (Rossini).
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Orchestra (50021-D).

Prince Igor (Borodine).
Symphony "Antar"
(Rimsky-Korsakow).
Sir Thomas Beecham and
Royal Philharmonic
Orchestra (51030-D).

8.32-9.02 p.m.—Operatic.
Carmen—Ballet Music (Bizet).
Carmen—Entracte (Bizet).
Sir Henry J. Wood and the
New Queen's Hall
Orchestra (M159).

Rigoletto—Dearest Name (Verdi).
Maria Gentile, Soprano
(L2050).
Don Giovanni—Selections (Mozart).
The Bournemouth Municipal
Orchestra (D50178).

Fredrick—Wayside Rose
(Popper & Lohr).
Heddie Nash, Tenor (DX115).
9.02-9.30 p.m.—Pianoforte Solos.
The White Peacock (Griffes).
Dance Rituelle Du Feu (De Falla).
Myra Hess (98560).

Jewish Medley (Grainger).
Percy Grainger (D50129).
Poissans D'Or (Debussy).
Le Fil d'Aus Cheveau De Lin,
b. Menestrels (Debussy).
Myra Hess (M7151).

9.30-11.30 p.m.—Dance Programme.
Fox Trot—
To Whom it May Concern,
Overnight (2373).
Will You Wait a Year or Two,
Twilight Dreams (2375).
Hello Beautiful,
Where Have You Been (2376).
When Your Lover Has Gone, (2404).

Waltz—
When Your Hair Has Turned to
Silver,
Wabash Moon (2399).
Fox Trot—
Personally I Love You,
Under the Spell of Your Kiss (2380).

Would You Like to Take a Walk,
He's Not Worth Your Tears (2381).
Tie a Little String Around Your
Finger,
When You Were the Blossom of
Buttercup Lane and I Was
Your Little Boy Blue (2387).
It's a Lonesome Old Town,
I Want You for Myself (2402).

Waltz—
Little Sweetheart of the Prairie,
Don't Forget me in Your Dreams, (2382).
Fox Trot—
Rising Rhythm,
Sugar Blues (2389).
I'm Happy When You're Happy,
Were You Sincere (2405).
We Can Live on Love,
I Hate Myself (2406).
By the River Saint Marie,
Running Between the Raindrops, (2401).

Waltz—
Blue Pacific Moonlight,
Fox Trot—
You Didn't Have to Tell Me, (2379).
Our Little Raindrop,
Thrill Me (2413).
Waltz—
Dreamy Rocky Mountain Moon,
The Waltz You Saved for Me, (2391).

God Save The King,
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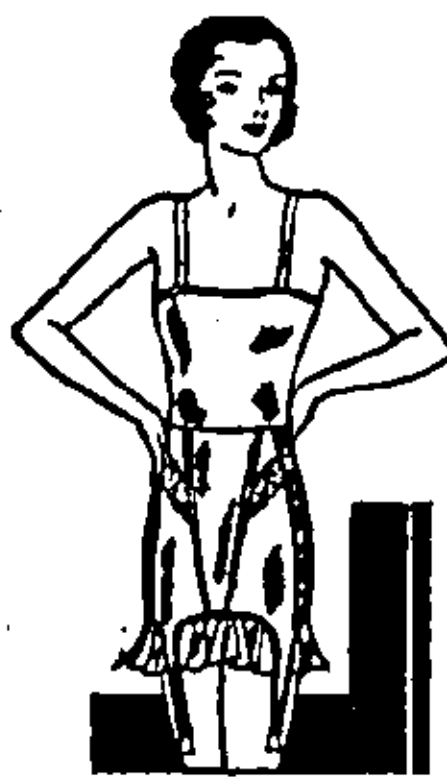
Double brims in medium size are used on soft velour and fine silk felts, says a Londoner, and give an amusing illusion. Some of these are turned off the face sharply in front, and held in a diamond clasp. More hair is being shown, and dressing takes much longer as the side view has to be carefully arranged for afternoon toilettes. The day of casual girlish fluffiness is gone. Set waves are necessary to get a good side view and front view, and the hairdresser should reap a good harvest in the coming season.

DIVIDED SKIRTS.

Experiment In Novel Trouser Effects.

The Paris fashion expert of the London Telegraph writes:—Divided evening skirts are less likely to be dealt with critically than the transparent skirt themes. There is nothing whatever to cavil at in the former group. Even when backs are not cut to flow rhythmically on a full-skirted line and pyjama divisions become evident in movement they are practically disguised in width.

The Worth mode is far the least conspicuously "pyjama" in the Paris showings. Hem-lines cut up to the knees at intervals, on the other hand, offer ample opportunities to reveal the glimpse of a pretty leg, but the transparent mood in many instances is both confusing



and embarrassing. Confusing because one has become accustomed to enveloping folds of materials outlining a graceful length of limb, and embarrassing because very short knee-length slips showing beneath ground lengths of laces and diaphanous chiffons frequently leave one to imagine that something is lacking—or was forgotten in the making.

The broken line conveyed likewise detracts from length in contour. Renee Goetz obviates this by supplying a graceful gown to the transparent group by placing very full cream lace ankle-length pyjamas under a cream skirt of crepe

ORIGINATIONS IN



NEW SPRING FROCKS

QUEEN AND SPRING CLEANING.

Patterns Of Glazed Chintzes Sent To Palace.

Marianne Mayfayre writes in the London Telegraph:—

At this time of the year the thoughts of every housewife in the country are of Spring cleaning and renovations.

The Queen is no exception to the general rule, and, with Lady Cynthia Colville and the Dowager Lady Minto, she spent a morning examining glazed chintzes at Carlisle House, Soho Square, with M. Keeble.

She also saw the glazed linen in plain colours that the Victorians only thought fit to line their heavy curtains, whereas in modern rooms it is used to cover chairs and sofas. But what amused the Queen very much—"I have never seen this before," she told M. Keeble—was the process of "gassing" red velvet that has been applied with gilding too bright and ornate for modern taste.

The gilding is actually "gassed" with noxious fumes resembling London fogs and dirt, but more speedy in their effect, in order to give the worn and "dulled" appearance that is popular.

MAKES HISTORY.

Old lace! What a wealth of romance and dreams are woven into the words. One conjures up imaginary pictures of richly-accoutred kings and princes, gorgeously apparelled queens and princesses, against a background of armoured castles and spacious halls.

What is more, the history of this delicate fabric (the making of which did not become a recognised industry till the beginning of the 16th century) has left its trace on the art of the ages—and the politics. At one time there was a royal edict which prohibited the wearing of laces by people below a certain rank. In Britain at one time it was decreed that no woman "less than the wife of a knight should deck herself with lace and passement, lace of gold or silver, with sleeves, partlet or linen trimmed with purples of gold or silver." One time also during the French Revolution, many lace-makers were put to death as a means of curbing feminine extravagance, due to the lure of lace.

Dressed Up For Death.

Not only did knights wear laces at the courts and in royal attendance upon their ladies, but it was considered a gesture of grandeur to go to the "block of execution" dressed in the richest of laces and embroideries.

In 1786 Madame de Cevigne, the famous letter-writer, asked: "Have you heard of transparents? They are complete dresses of the finest gold or azure brocade, and over them is worn a transparent black gown of fine lace."

The item might have been taken from the latest fashion magazine, for we in the throes of another lace revival, the coarse variety for day wear and the fine variety for evening. Few garments in the wardrobe have escaped its influence. The hats have it worked into their make-up and one even reads of shoes of coarse lace.

DEVONSHIRE LACE.

Devonshire lace and net are being used for the petticoats, which are to be a strong feature of some of the coming fashion shows. It seems as if petticoats of a billowy kind will be used under wide hemmed evening gowns to keep them from falling limp.



Her Majesty is very interested in the glazed chintzes with historical patterns, and two of the designs that have been sent to Buckingham Palace for a closer inspection, at the Queen's request, have historical interest.

One of them is an early Georgian pattern, dated about 1720, with the elaborate window draperies of the period and two Chinese vases on a deep pink ground. The other, also on a pink ground, is a design taken from a Portuguese quilt about 1790.

Another variety of the glazed chintzes that the Queen admired very much was the quilted and padded porcelain in plain colours that is so popular in nurseries and bedrooms for its warm and cosy appearance.

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Role Of Uneven

Hem-Lines.

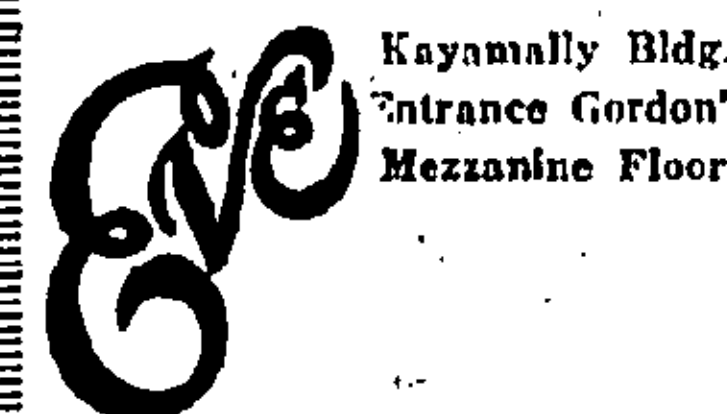
Uneven hem-lines play an interesting role in many of the lighter quality printed and georgette afternoon frocks. They are achieved through the material being cut into very long sections after the approved length has been gauged—which usually indicates a shorter level over the left knee. The long ends are then lapped back on to the surface of the skirt, where they are gathered flatly on a broken line, to sway sometimes in a diagonal movement at hip-yoke depth. Short split-up sections on broad cloth skirts and tabbed hem-lines in black crepe de Chine ensembles are favourite themes that bring variety



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CALCUTTA via Singapore, Belawan, Deli & Rangoon.	Seattle Maru	Sat., 2nd May
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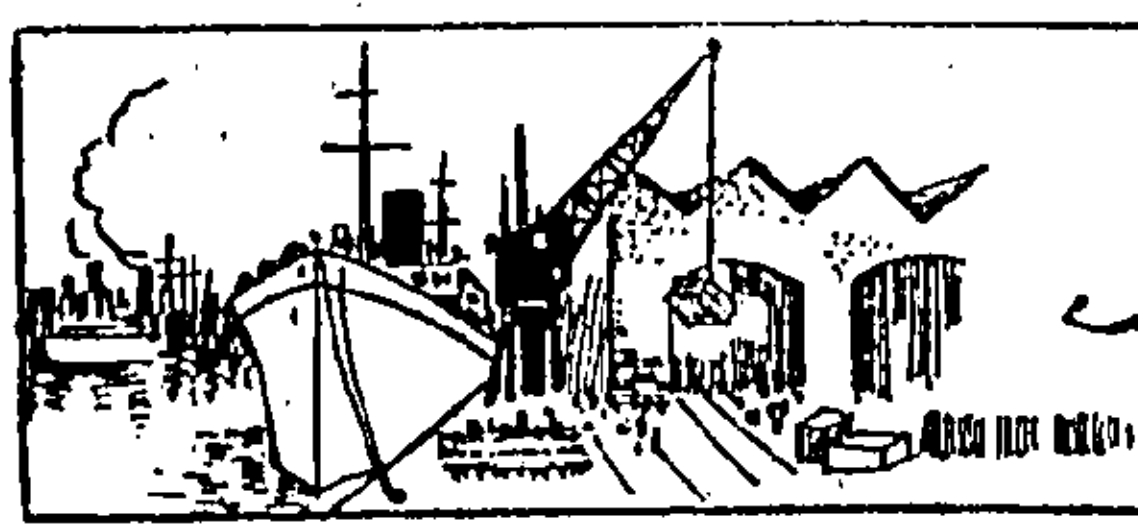
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THE INDIAMEN.

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The first founding of the East India Company, and from it the Indian Empire, was due to a happy chance. Sir Francis Drake, in one of his audacious cruises "to singe the beard of the King of Spain," led a fleet of four Queen's ships and thirty provided by the merchants of London.

Besides such an exploit as forcing his way into Cadiz Harbour against the forts and six warships, plundering and sinking there over a hundred big ships, it might seem a small matter that, off the Azores, he captured a Spanish carrack homeward bound from the East Indies. But it was this last incident that had by far the greater results.

The carrack was found to carry not only a cargo of enormous value but also complete papers, showing how great was the wealth of the Indies, all the methods of trading, the ports, and the centres of traffic, and the like.

The Tiny Pioneer Fleet. Under charter of Queen Elizabeth was incorporated, in 1600, "The Governor and Company of Merchants of London trading with the East Indies." Their first venture was of six ships, ranging from the 600-tonner of the Admiral to one of 130 tons. The total of the six made about 1,000 tons, and this tiny fleet carried nearly 500 people, ships in those days still being regarded largely as floating forts to carry guns and fighting men.

The first voyage was so profitable that the building yards of the Thames were at once set to work on new ships, and although the next voyage was less successful, the Globe in 1611 made 219 per cent. profit on the cost of her building and cargo, and in 1612 three ships earned profits of 340 per cent.

For the next two hundred years the fleets grew and poured into Britain pickings from the enormous wealth of the Indies and of China. Under the Company's monopoly such goods as silks and spices brought fabulous prices, the peppers and spices, especially in the earlier years, being greatly sought as practically the only means of preserving foods in more palatable form than pickling them in brine.

Fame and Riches. By 1800 the East Indiamen were the attraction and envy of the finest seamen in the world, bringing under their flag as officers the young sons of the highest families, enlisting or training the pick of sailors.

The officers made fortunes out of the "indulgences" granted them. The captains and officers had a certain amount of cargo space allotted them for transport of their private trade goods. The captain also had a percentage of the total cargo carried, and took the passage-money of the twenty to thirty passengers each carried—rates being from about £100 for a subaltern and £250 for a General to larger amounts for Governors and high officials, their wives and families.

One way and another, a captain made £7,000 to £10,000 on each voyage of about 15 or 16 months.

The men were equally well treated, not only in their pay, their food, which was the best possible, and plenty of rum, but in the pensions to which every man was entitled after eight years' service, and the liberal provision made for the wives and families of any man killed or incapacitated—and there were plenty of these, since in the frequent wars between 1600 and 1800 there was no lack of brisk fighting.

But the Indiamen were built, manned, and armed more like warships than merchantmen, and could always give so good an account of themselves that they made no mean item in the sea supremacy built by the warships of those days.

A Brush with the French. In 1804 a convoy of about a score of Indiamen met a French

fleet of warships, and after a fiercely contested engagement broke and drove it off in flight. The sorely battered Frenchmen concluded they had been fighting a fleet of battleships disguised as merchantmen.

The Indiamen made no attempt at fast passages; everything being sacrificed to safety and comfort. Every evening, no matter how fine the weather, the royals, stuns'ls, and light kites were taken in for the night, and in any heavy weather sail was reduced to a minimum and the ship hove to so as to ride out the gale with the driest possible docks.

A captain was allowed to call at any convenient port for fresh provisions, and every effort was made to keep the cabin and fore-cabin well fed. A regular farm-yard was carried—cows, pigs, sheep, and poultry—and one passenger, writing to his home, told how, on the eve of arrival in the Thames after an eight months' voyage, the captain "killed a fatted calf for all on board."

When two Indiamen met at sea it was not unusual for them to heave to for hours, while boats passed to and fro, and officers and passengers exchanged visits and feasts.

Blackwall, by 1800, was a complete colony of shipwrights and seafarer people—shipbuilders, riggers, block-makers, copper-smiths, rope-makers, and the families of seamen and officers. The Brunswick Basin, to the east of the Blackwall yard, could take 50 of the biggest ships, which were to be seen lying there in tiers.

From morning to dark the shores resounded to the clatter of hammers and caulking mallets, and rarely a month passed without from one to six stately ships of 700 to 1,500 tons burden being launched.

The ships were of enormous strength. Nothing but the best went into them—oak, elm, teak, and mahogany, copper-fastened throughout. Their solid strength is indicated by the tale of the Kent, which caught fire in mid-ocean and burned for a night, a day, and part of a night before the flames reached the powder magazine, although for many hours all attempts to keep the fire under had been abandoned.

"In Funeral Order."

She carried over six hundred souls, sailors, soldiers, passengers, and wives and children; and all except one woman, twenty-five children, and fifty-four men, were saved by the heroic efforts of the sailors, and the crews and boats of two small vessels which, by little short of a miracle, came to the burning wreck.

It is a tribute, too, to Indiamen discipline that only one woman perished and that nearly 1 the children were got away, though only to die from exposure to the cold and wet. The child, a girl, first, then the women, the soldiers, and last, the officers—"in funeral order" of the youngest first.

One seaman, seeing the boats take 40 to 50 minutes or each trip through the raging sea to the rescue ships, and believing the last men left could never escape, took up a place seated over the powder magazine, saying that if he had to go, at least he'd go quick. But at last he jumped up angrily, shouting, "Well, if you won't blow up you old so-and-so—me if I don't leave you to it." He did—and escaped.

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EASTERN PORTS.

DETAILS OF EPIDEMIC DISEASES.

The health bulletin of Eastern ports for the week ended April 18, issued by the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services, gives the following cases:—

Plague.	
Bagdad: 5 cases, 2 deaths.	
Bombay: 4 cases, 4 deaths.	
Typhus.	
Alexandria: 1 case.	
Cholera.	
Calcutta: 82 cases, 51 deaths.	
Chittagong: 10 cases, 4 deaths.	
Madras: 1 case, 1 death.	
Pondicherry: 3 cases.	
Pnom-Penh: 1 case.	
Saigon: 3 cases, 3 deaths.	
Small-pox.	
Bombay: 2 cases.	
Calcutta: 60 cases, 42 deaths.	
Chittagong: 1 case.	
Cochin: 11 cases.	
Karachi: 5 cases.	
Madras: 4 cases, 1 death.	
Moulmein: 1 case, 1 death.	
Nagapattam: 1 case.	
Rangoon: 2 cases.	
Pondicherry: 26 cases.	
Singapore: 1 death.	
Canton: 2 cases.	
Shanghai: 7 deaths.	
Greater Shanghai: 1 case.	
Cerebro-Spinal Fever.	
Batavia: 1 case, 1 death.	
Shanghai: 9 deaths.	
Greater Shanghai: 10 cases, 1 death.	

ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Thursday, April 23.
Feng Lee, Chinese str., 1,259 tons, Capt. Y. Yamaji, from Amoy, buoy No. B18.—Loong Tai Hong.

Friday, April 24.
Chian Lee, Chinese str., 1,850 tons, Capt. K. Jahl, from Canton, buoy No. A5.—Yee Tai Hong.

Chichibu Maru, Japanese m.s., 10,286 tons, Capt. Y. Arakida, from Los Angeles via Japan, Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

Hong Hwa, British str., 1,924 tons, Captain J. H. Gregory, from Swatow, buoy No. A6.—Ho Thong & Co.

Hupei, British str., 1,205 tons, Capt. W. Peplow, from Amoy, buoy No. B14.—B. & S.

Kamo Maru, Japanese str., 7,954 tons, Capt. T. Takechi, from Nagasaki, Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

Lyceum, British str., 1,734 tons, Capt. E. Holmes, from Hoihow, buoy No. B24.—Kwong Nam & Co.

President Lincoln, American str., 8,359 tons, Capt. M. M. Jensen, from Seattle, Washington, Kowloon Wharf.—A.M.L.

Rajputana, British str., 16,600 tons, Capt. H. Morton Jack, from Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf.—M. M. & Co.

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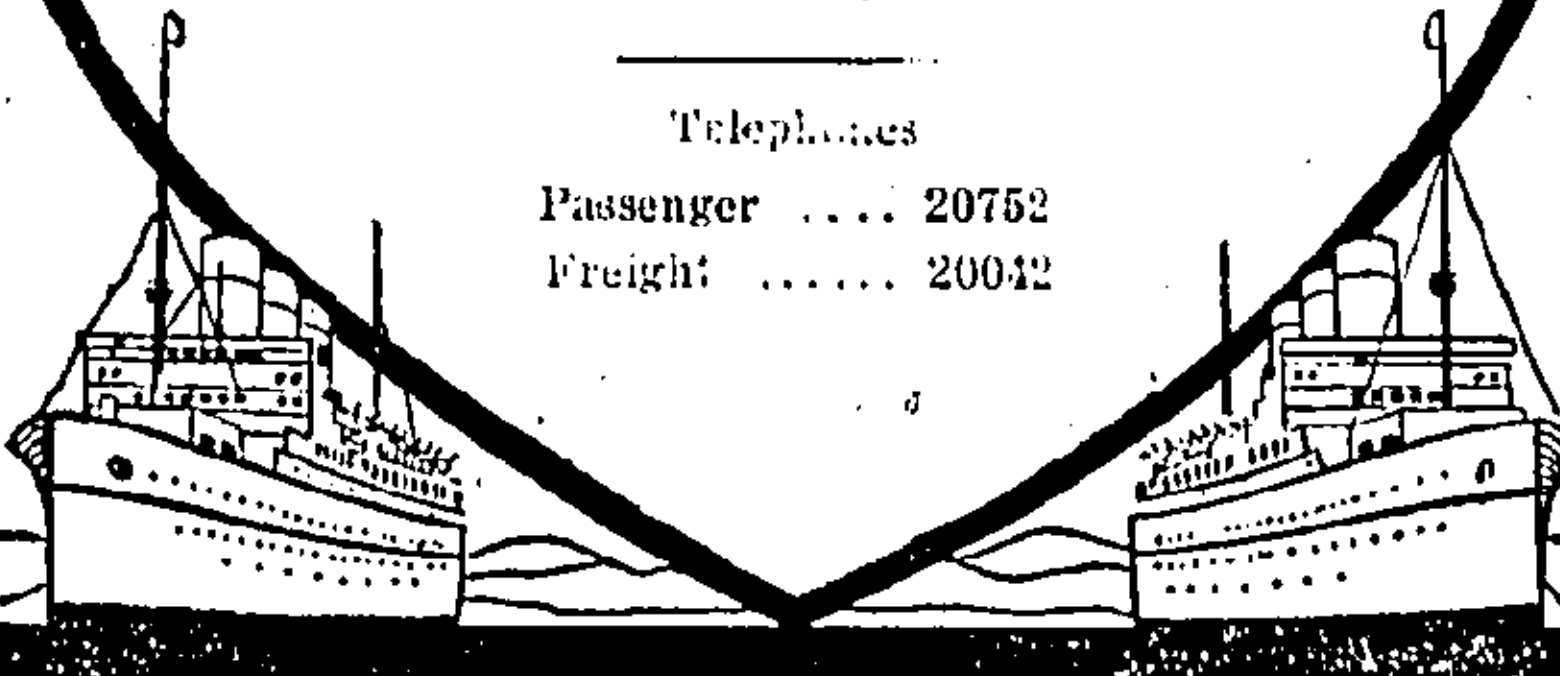
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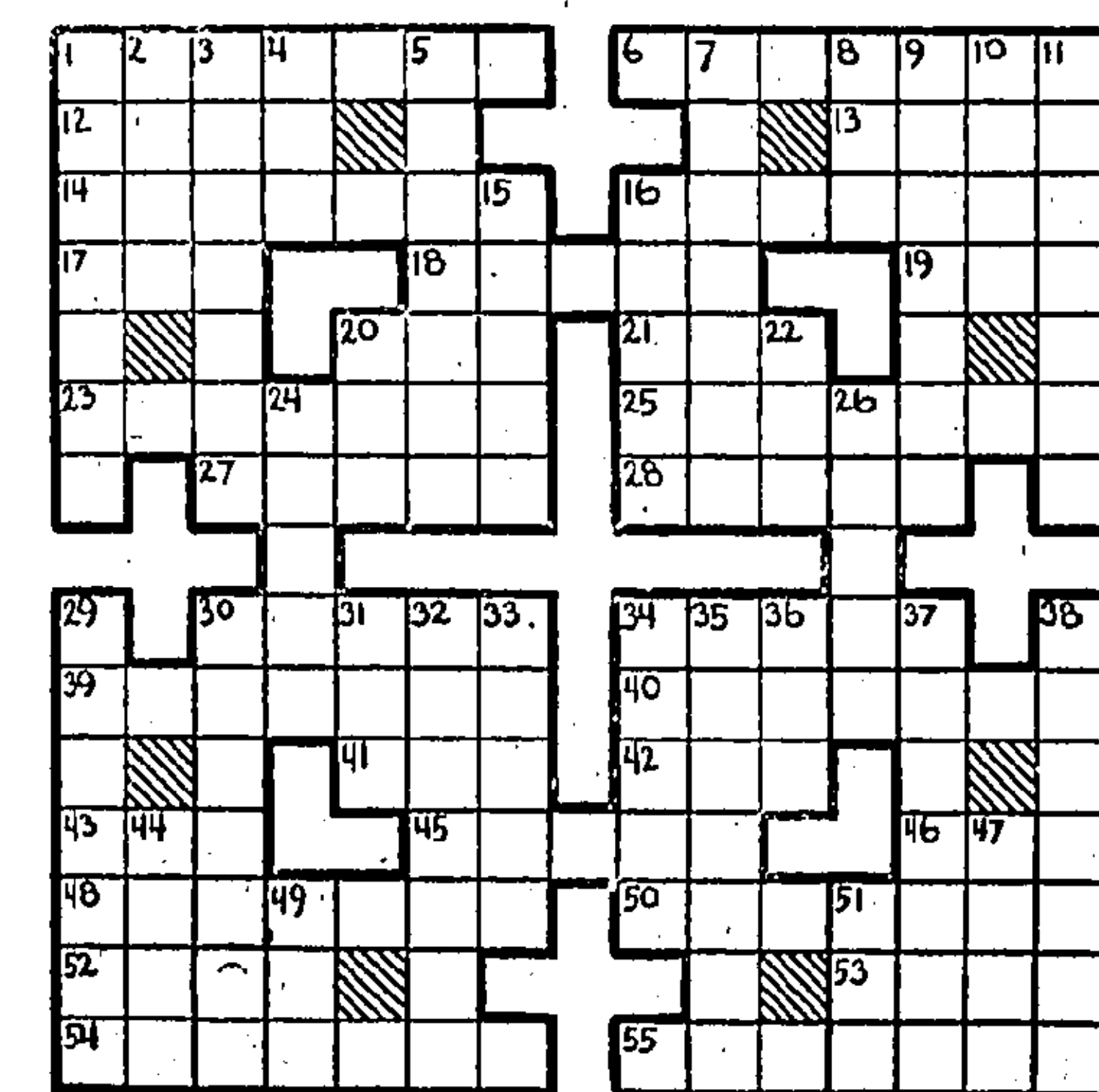
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(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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| HORIZONTAL | HORIZONTAL (Cont.) | VERTICAL (Cont.) |
| 1-To rob | 46-To observe | 11-Large drinking-cup |
| 5-A parvus | 48-To strive to equal | 18-Thick |
| 12-Frog (Latin) | 50-Anything erased | 16-To glide or slip |
| 13-Extent of surface | 52-A cruel Roman emperor | 20-Fresh green vegetation |
| 14-Lift out | 53-Proceed with quick short steps | 24-Older |
| 15-A basilica and palace in Rome | 54-Large rock-boring tool (pl.) | 25-Donor |
| 17-Encountered | 55-Name, place, and residence of a person | 29-To disagree in opinion |
| 18-Hard element | | 30-Fresh green vegetation |
| 19-Flat-bottomed scow | | 31-To knock sharply |
| 20-A number | | 32-Lincoln's Secretary of State |
| 21-A disease of chickens | | 33-Same as teespee |
| 22-Inns | | 34-Part of a barrel |
| 23-Coxier | | 35-Rose like a tower |
| 24-The pick or flower | | 36-Before |
| 25-Weird | | 37-Spare time |
| 26-A measure of distance in Russia | | 38-Public ways in a town |
| 27-A metal | | 44-A Hebrew measure |
| 28-To repeat | | 47-Greek god of love |
| 29-A rushing stream | | 49-To cut off |
| 30-Soft food for babes | | 51-Steamer (abbr.) |
| 31-Reverential fear | | |
| 32-Grassy top soil | | |
| 33-Courage | | |

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*KALYAN	9,114	9th May	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
*COMORIN	15,122	23rd May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*BURDWAN	—	30th May	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg.
*ALIPORE	5,273	2nd June	Strait, Colombo & Antwerp.
*KASHMIR	9,885	5th June	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
*RANPURA	10,601	9th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KASHGAR	9,005	4th July	M'seilles, L'don, R'dam & A'werp.
*RAWALPINDI	16,619	18th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*PERIM	7,648	25th July	Marseilles & London.
*KHUYFER	9,114	1st Aug.	M'seilles, L'don, R'dam & A'werp.
*SOMALI	—	8th Aug.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg.
*RAJPUTANA	16,508	16th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*PAIDUA	5,900	22nd Aug.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg.
*KARMALA	9,128	29th Aug.	Marseilles & London.
*CATHAY	15,121	12th Sept.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
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SANZIA	7,754	25th May	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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SHIPPING FREIGHTS AND EXCHANGE.

Cold Storage Increases on Australian Route.

The recent news from Sydney, respecting freight rates would not completely have surprised any who have been following the course of Australian commerce and exchange movements, says a writer in The Times. The statement was to the effect that the shipowners have informed the Australian producers and exporters that they are prepared to re-new for a year contracts expiring on June 30 next at the existing freight rates for all classes of cargo shipped overseas from Australia, but that they will need a reconsideration to be made of the exchange surcharge on refrigerated cargo, which was fixed at three per cent. before the recent rapid rise in the exchange.

The agreement mentioned was a result of the general realisation two years ago that the cargo shipping companies in the Australian route had been faring very badly—a fact that the putation which visited Australia at the suggestion of the Commonwealth Government had no difficulty in demonstrating by figures. The way in which Australian commerce would develop was evidently not foreseen at that time by those concerned in the discussions, and it would not have been fully appreciated a year ago when the details of the agreement were determined.

The shipping companies will, of course, carry out their agreement for the full 12 months ending June 30 next, but since the terms were agreed the export trade from Europe to Australia has dwindled so seriously that ships have to leave for Australia with very little freight space filled, or even have to make the voyage in ballast so that the lines have to look chiefly to the home-ward voyage to meet the whole cost of the round voyage.

Serious Effect on Receipts.

The shipping companies apparently propose to bear the brunt of this unfortunate situation themselves, but in addition there is the consideration that the freight receipts on all the refrigerated and cold storage cargo which is carried from Australia in the high-class liners are now subject to the adverse effect of the exchange, which means a reduction of the freight earnings by about 25 or 30 per cent.

Consequently the decline in net receipts is such that shipping managers, who are fully alive to the present difficulties of Australia, hold that they have no alternative but to ask the exporters in Australia that some adjustment should be made of the surcharge in respect of exchange. Indeed, it is suggested that unless an adjustment was made a point might easily be reached when in such conditions as the present the maintenance of regular services on anything like the present scale might, owing to the heavy cost, become impracticable.

It may be pointed out that the exporters receive payment in Great Britain for their produce in English currency, and so there is force in the argument that it would be only reasonable that the allowance in respect of exchange should bear a closer relationship than at present to the rate. In any event, until Australian commerce again becomes more normal and there are better cargoes for the vessels proceeding from Europe, the shipping companies must expect a continuance of extremely lean times.

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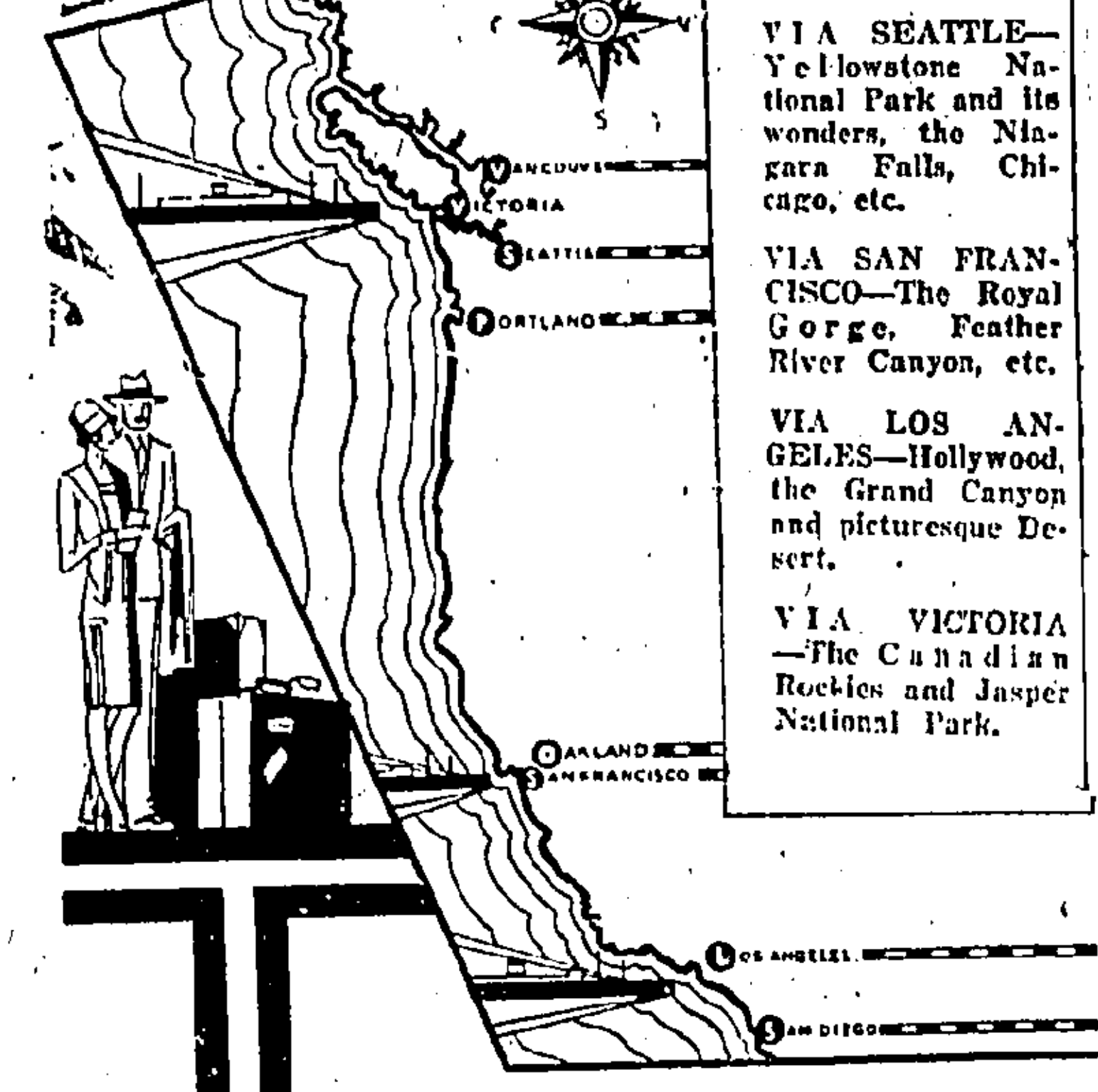
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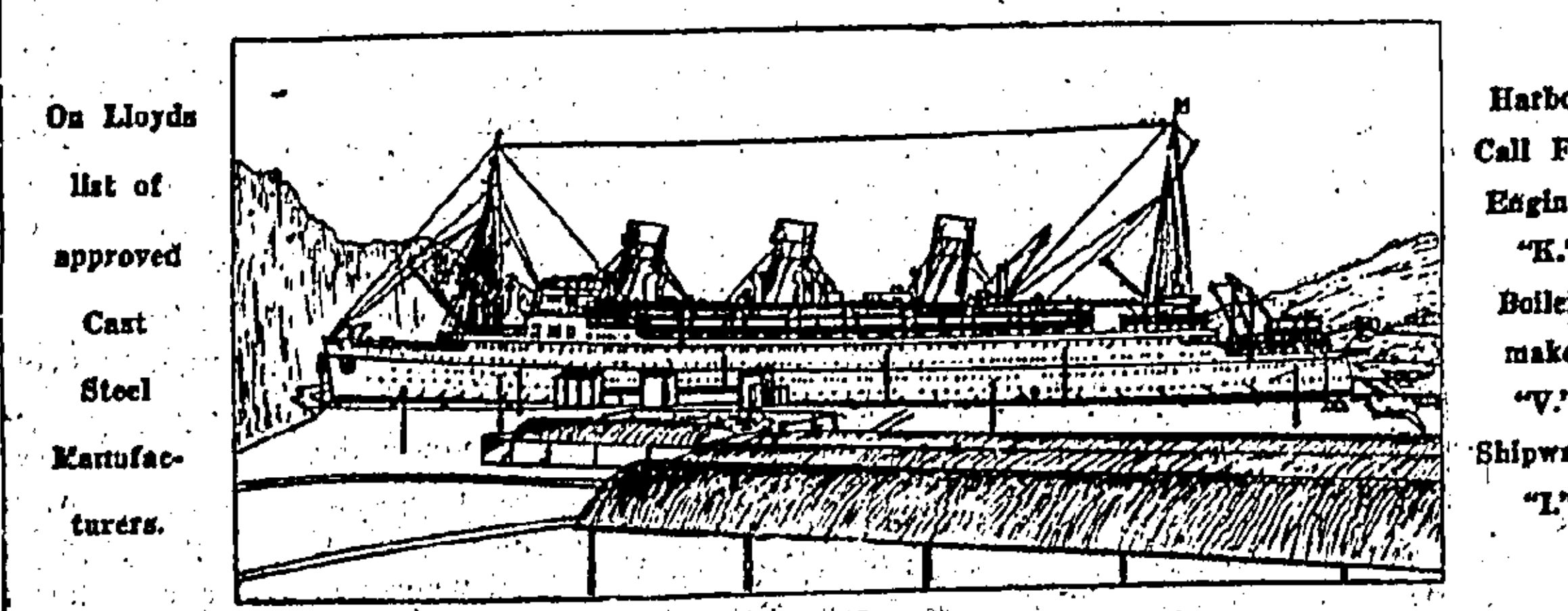
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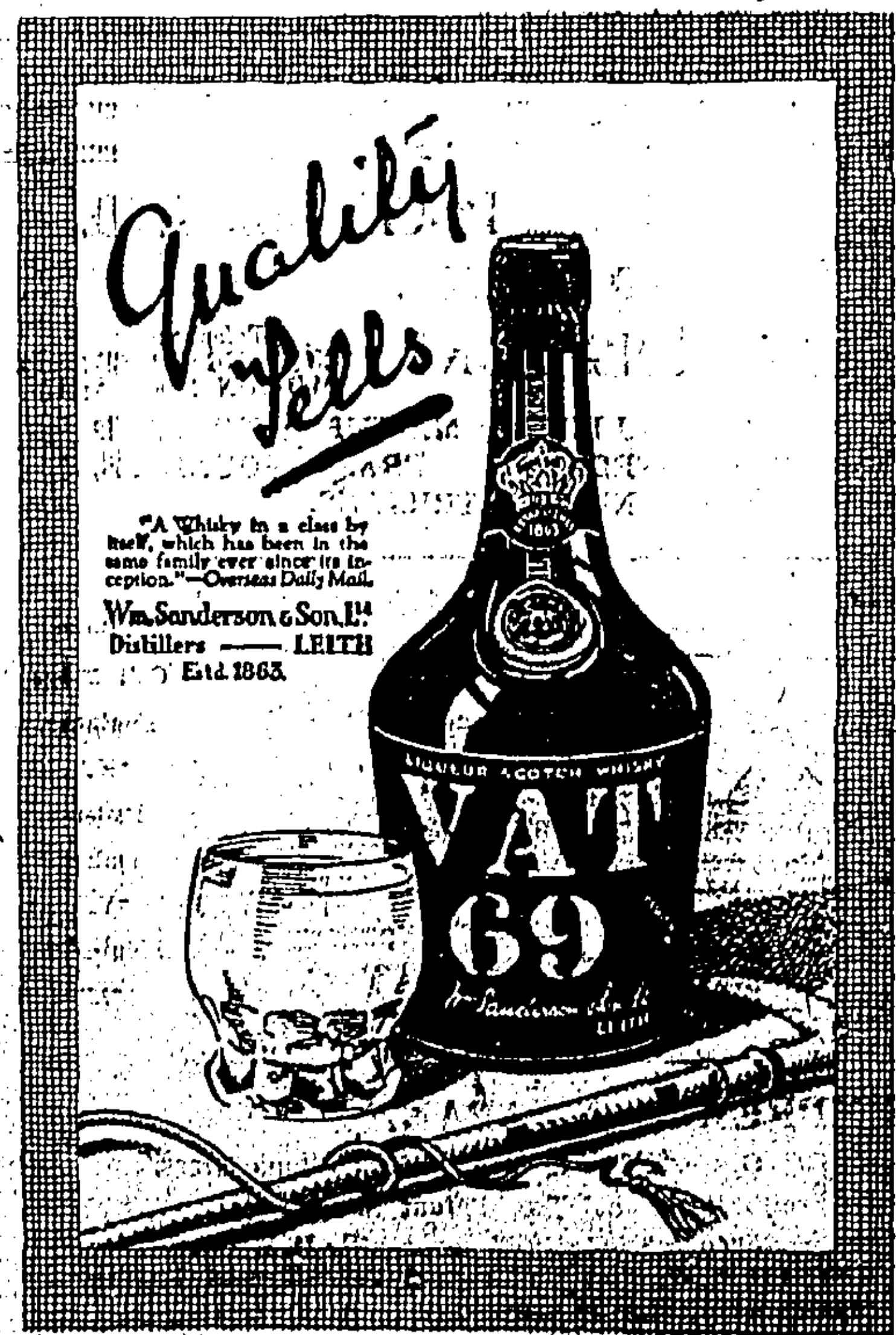
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Do you remember April's there? Those lines, those lines, those lines...

ning "Oh, to be in England now that April's there?" When I learned them many years ago, in the English class at my preparatory school, I never for an instant thought their truthfulness would come to aught, but since I left the land where fall the peaches by the garden wall; where slyly through the copse there pass light feet of wind on supple grass, I felt the meaning of those lines. Brooding in Eastern palatines, I breathed accursed wreaths of fog, and had a touch of Hong Kong "dog." And like the voice of some old friend, who comes to borrow, not to lend, reflections fluttered in my mind, till conscience, like a quick-drawn blade, soon shut their memory away with one more glass of old Tokay.

But it is liver-galling, this confounded humidity, isn't it? In our house the walls are streaming with heads of poor, over-worked old Ceres' perspiration, and when you draw your finger across you leave a mark like the "writing on the wall" and the stuff on your finger looks like London clay. The floors have the appearance of having been swilled down a minute before the rooms smell like an underground dug-out—a mouldy, mildewy, vegetable smell, that you find in

potting sheds and dark tool houses. The calendars with the pretty girls on them drop suddenly from the walls, because the gum which holds the bit of silk ribbon to the cardboard has lost its resilience, and when you open the desk and take out your envelopes you find that the flaps are for ever and anon stuck down and are utterly useless for correspondence. Then the books—oh, the books! I could weep about that. Every morning I find their sacred skins fluffed with green hairs, and even when they are carefully wiped off it leaves a mottled stain. The covers are limp sticky and the dye comes off on your hands, and the paper smells likely graveyard bones. The room is as hot as a heated greenhouse, because all the windows are closed. You have to keep them closed, because the fog would come in otherwise and ruin what it has merely spoiled. Yet when you write Home and tell the dear folks what conditions are like in Hong Kong in April they haven't the slightest conception of the trials and tribulations through which the body must pass, steaming and gelatinous, during an Eastern Spring. To be there now—were happiness enow.

The Devil Woman.

The devil woman, Pippie Blister, Laughed through her cocoa, Dribbled her porridge, On her sunburnt bosom, And exhibited a foreign air. Which made me languid. Through the small pane, Broken and cobwebbed, With the skins of spiders, She looked, the devil woman, Shaking her fist at the moon Which rolled like a pebble In the foamy lips of cloud. She was trying to accuse him Of a certain influence, But whilst she was gazing At that pellucid marble in the sky, I ate her porridge for her. All in one gulp, Which only shows you what an Inordinately large mouth is mine. Then we kissed and locked fingers, She quite forgetting her loss, And barren years had cut cruel scars Across the downland of her shadowed cheeks. Suddenly she yawned, blew out the candle, Walked to the window, and cursed the moon. I lit a cigarette. I lit another. I smoked a pipe, all in the silence Of that dirt-haunted room. Listening to the wallpaper Crisping off in handfuls, The mice carousing in the beams, And the secret noises of the night Which originate in the western. Then I read her a poem. It was something like this And so she collapsed.

—A. LINDEN-PASTRE

News in Brief.

The Penk Tramways Co., Ltd., advertise that no late cars will run after 12.05 in the morning.

It is notified that Mr. Wilfrid Thomas Southern, C.M.G., resumed duty as Colonial Secretary on April 23.

The lowest open air temperature yesterday was 68 degrees. The humidity was 85 at 10 a.m. and 83 at 4 p.m.

Judge G. W. King, of H. M. Supreme Court, at Shanghai, is a passenger for Home with Mrs. King by the P. & O. s.s. Rajputana.

His Excellency the Governor in Council has directed that the names of Mr. Richard Edmund Lee and Mr. Ip Hin Fong be added to the list of authorized architects.

At a meeting of the Senate of the University of London Sir Reginald Fleming Johnston, K.C.M.G., C.B.E., M.A. (Oxon.), LL.D. (Hong Kong), was appointed to the University Chair of Chinese, tenable at the School of Oriental Studies, as from September 1.

The meeting of the Hong Kong branch of the English Association, postponed from April 7, will be held in the Cathedral Hall, at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5, when Mr. A. H. Fenwick, B.Sc., will deliver a lecture on "F. W. H. Myers." This is the last meeting of the season.

A man, Wong Cheung, alias Wong Sik-cheung, and a woman, Choi Shiu, appeared before Mr. Hamilton at the Kowloon Police Court yesterday afternoon, charged with the murder of Kau Shuk, in a house in Reclamation Street on April 1, 1931. Accused were not represented legally. The hearing was adjourned to Wednesday.

The funeral took place at the Protestant Cemetery, Happy Valley, yesterday, of Mrs. M. A. Lee, of Prince Edward Road, Kowloon, whose death occurred in hospital on Thursday. Mrs. Lee, who was 46 years of age, was the mother of Capt. William Lee (master mariner), Mrs. B. C. Randall, and Messrs. Frank, A. T., and R. Lee, and smaller children still at school. The service at the graveside was conducted by the Rev. W. Walton Rogers.

CORRESPONDENCE.

EXCHANGE CONTROVERSY.

(To the Editor of "China Mail.") Sir,—Throughout this exchange controversy, I have patiently waited for at least one of these taipans or their satellites to come forward with a convincing argument in support of their contention that this Colony would not benefit from a stable currency and I am beginning to doubt whether any of them will ever do so. No, they are content to stand aloof and dismiss the subject by vague and evasive statements such as "Hong Kong, owing to its geographical position, must wait and see what China will do in the matter." This naturally leads a newcomer to think that the currency of Hong Kong and its neighbourhood are on a par, but is that so? Let us take Kwangtung for example. Has there not been, from time immemorial, a difference of from 15 to 20 per cent. between its currency and that of Hong Kong? Where transactions have not been put through in Hong Kong currency, did not this difference come into calculation? Assuredly it did; therefore, would that divert if the difference which came into the calculations were 130 to 160 per cent. (with "Hong Kong" on Gold) instead of the present method of converting U.S. Gold Dollars or Sterling into Hong Kong Silver Dollars and again into Kwangtung currency. I rather think the boot is on the other foot and that Kwangtung should wait and see what Hong Kong will do.

What else can the Currency Commission do, in the face of the utter lack of orders reaching Home from Hong Kong, but to recommend immediate international action to control the output of silver, or failing this natural rectification, substitute a remedy for this Colony in the form of a Gold currency?

Should we blame the merchants and compradors for indulging in exchange speculation, while lacking legitimate business, if by doing so they offset their overhead expenses with a little over to participate in three Race Meeting a month? Even the Government would reap a good revenue if they thought of levying a tax on exchange contracts. There should be no qualms as to the rate as people who could afford to play this game would not mind paying for the fun. Some of them are even mortified at the thought of allowing their poorer co-inhabitants of this island to pay for the extra cost of running the Colony by increased taxes on rent, liquors and tobacco!

Yours, etc.,
ANTHONY-THREE-PIECE RICHARDS,
Hong Kong, April 24.

TRADE OF COLONY.

CONSIDERABLE INCREASE IN IMPORTS SHOWN.

EXPORTS LOWER.

The Statistical Branch of the Imports and Exports Department reports that the total value of imports into Hong Kong during the twelve months' period ended March 31, 1931, amounted to \$642,399,180, as compared with \$582,017,053 during the corresponding period in 1924-25, while exports totalled \$496,954,224, as against \$509,914,543.

The comparative figures (000's omitted) are given in the following tables by countries:—

Imports	1924/25	1930/31
United Kingdom	\$ 80,616	\$ 71,030
Australia	7,252	4,796
Burma	6,357	8,410
Canada	4,932	4,636
Ceylon	201	223
East Africa	395	368
Egypt	50	210
India	18,398	11,931
New Zealand	397	235
North Borneo	2,333	3,552
South Africa	94	46
Straits	13,975	14,223
West Africa	—	5
West Indies	—	5
Br. Emp. (other)	303	1,435
Belgium	5,236	9,799
North China	76,547	89,275
Middle China	2,121	11,504
South China	—	70,316
Cuba	1,322	3
Central America	55	24
Denmark	519	82
France	2,625	4,160
Indo-China	82,919	50,359
Germany	14,604	29,345
Holland	2,697	3,016
Italy	2,170	4,971
Japan	77,697	74,007
*Kwang Chow W.	—	9,016
*Macao	—	7,647
Norway	1,287	771
N. East Indies	71,597	65,756
Philippines	5,164	1,934
Portugal	—	148
Siam	60,248	36,752
South America	98	152
Sweden	1,350	2,614
Switzerland	327	1,012
Spain	49	35
U.S.A.	47,449	40,750
Other	1,647	1,259
Total	\$582,017	\$642,399

* Imports not recorded in 1924/25.
† Included under "Others" in 1924/25.

Exports	1924/25	1930/31
United Kingdom	\$ 6,051	\$ 4,506
Australia	3,630	2,127
Burma	1,223	2,405
Canada	3,255	2,452
Ceylon	1,024	1,474
East Africa	38	170
Egypt	253	313
India	6,543	7,716
New Zealand	570	408
North Borneo	1,063	1,896
South Africa	489	549
Straits	24,247	33,625
West Africa	1	3
West Indies	237	222
Br. Emp. (other)	1,028	3,536
Belgium	191	358
North China	80,718	61,940
Middle China	35,695	47,390
South China	198,897	148,694
Cuba	950	475
Central America	2,159	2,356
Denmark	55	138
France	606	690
Indo-China	41,972	42,204
Germany	979	2,061
Holland	778	611
Italy	63	77
Japan	27,495	22,755
*Kwang Chow W.	—	16,237
*Macao	—	18,272
Norway	3	6
N. East Indies	8,522	13,887
Philippines	13,056	9,463
Portugal	—	1,463
Siam	21,146	23,807
South America	4,710	2,360
Sweden	24	50
Switzerland	40	31
Spain	129	211
U.S.A.	22,391	20,275
Other	433	1,710
Total	\$509,914	\$496,954

* Included Under China in 1924-25.
H.K. \$ 1924-25 = 2s. 4½d.
1930-31 = 1s. 2½d. 11/10d.

Trade Figures.
The March trade figures are as follows, the February totals being given in brackets:—

Imports	Exports
Merchandise \$71,731,140 (\$55,592,410)	Treasure \$2,077,642 (\$1,868,248)
Total \$73,808,782 (\$57,460,658)	Total \$2,077,642 (\$1,868,248)
Merchandise \$54,434,250 (\$37,721,867)	Treasure \$2,077,642 (\$1,868,248)
Total \$56,511,892 (\$39,590,115)	Total \$2,077,642 (\$1,868,248)

Imports	Exports
United Kingdom \$11,422,945 (\$9,572,027)	United Kingdom \$11,422,945 (\$9,572,027)
Australia \$933,512 (\$773,134)	Australia \$933,512 (\$773,134)
Burma \$821,994 (\$692,949)	Burma \$821,994 (\$692,949)
Canada \$609,870 (\$509,870)	Canada \$609,870 (\$509,870)
Ceylon \$22,741 (\$19,131)	Ceylon \$22,741 (\$19,131)
Egypt \$14,130 (\$11,802)	Egypt \$14,130 (\$11,802)
East Africa \$25,310 (\$21,310)	East Africa \$25,310 (\$21,310)
India \$1,713,832 (\$1,404,612)	India \$1,713,832 (\$1,404,612)
New Zealand \$18,129 (\$15,129)	New Zealand \$18,129 (\$15,129)
North Borneo \$321,597 (\$271,597)	North Borneo \$321,597 (\$271,597)
South Africa \$300,278 (\$250,278)	South Africa \$300,278 (\$250,278)
Straits \$1,431,631 (\$1,181,631)	Straits \$1,431,631 (\$1,181,631)
West Africa \$1,431,631 (\$1,181,631)	West Africa \$1,431,631 (\$1,181,631)
West Indies \$1,431,631 (\$1,181,631)	West Indies \$1,431,631 (\$1,181,631)
Br. Emp. (other) \$1,431,631 (\$1,181,631)	Br. Emp. (other) \$1,431,631 (\$1,181,631)
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Japan \$1,431,631 (\$1,181,631)	Japan \$1,431,631 (\$1,181,631)
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Macao \$1,431,631 (\$1,181,631)	Macao \$1,431,631 (\$1,181,631)
Norway \$1,431,631 (\$1,181,631)	Norway \$1,431,631 (\$1,181,631)
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Philippines \$1,431,631 (\$1,181,631)	Philippines \$1,431,631 (\$1,181,631)
Portugal \$1,431,631 (\$1,181,631)	Portugal \$1,431,631 (\$1,181,631)
Siam \$1,431,631 (\$1,181,631)	Siam \$1,431,631 (\$1,181,631)
South America \$1,431,631 (\$1,181,631)	South America \$1,431,631 (\$1,181,631)
Sweden \$1,431,631 (\$1,181,631)	Sweden \$1,431,631 (\$1,181,631)
Switzerland \$1,431,631 (\$1,181,631)	Switzerland \$1,431,631 (\$1,181,631)
Spain \$1,431,631 (\$1,181,631)	Spain \$1,431,631 (\$1,181,631)
U.S.A. \$1,431,631 (\$1,181,631)	U.S.A. \$1,431,631 (\$1,181,631)
Other \$1,431,631 (\$1,181,631)	Other \$1,431,631 (\$1,181,631)

Imports Exports

America	(\$ 1,200)	(\$ 222,439)
Denmark	(\$ 5,072)	(\$ 908)
France	(\$ 5,199)	(\$ 4,029)
Germany	(\$ 494,490)	(\$ 80,251)
Holland	(\$ 311,508)	(\$ 108,852)
Fr. Indo-China	(\$ 4,757,948)	(\$ 3,066,439)
Germany	(\$ 3,918,985)	(\$ 2,760,479)
Holland	(\$ 3,781,239)	(\$ 1,356,611)
Holland	(\$ 2,760,109)	(\$ 254,430)
Italy	(\$ 337,353)	(\$ 39,878)
Italy	(\$ 241,771)	(\$ 64,533)
Japan	(\$ 410,455)	(\$ 7,021)
Japan	(\$ 7,787,434)	(\$ 3,191,421)
Kwang	(\$ 4,903,597)	(\$ 2,308,554)
Chow W.	(\$ 741,620)	(\$ 1,347,379)
Macao	(\$ 760,704)	(\$ 939,125)
Norway	(\$ 943,108)	(\$ 2,421,517)
Norway	(\$ 688,033)	(\$ 1,385,092)
Netherlands	(\$ 43,474)	(\$ 338)
E. Indies	(\$ 46,519)	(\$ 613)
Philippines	(\$ 4,869,065)	(\$ 1,276,229)
Philippines	(\$ 5,213,122)	(\$ 920,248)
Portugal	(\$ 205,709)	(\$ 927,808)
Portugal	(\$ 89,910)	(\$ 811,108)
Siam	(\$ 41,986)	(\$ 1,831,401)
Siam	(\$ 23,760)	(\$ 2,731,254)
South America	(\$ 4,189,002)	(\$ 1,831,401)
South America	(\$ 3,332,693)	(\$ 2,731,254)
Sweden	(\$ 19,055)	(\$ 322,210)
Sweden	(\$ 21,692)	(\$ 150,905)
Switzerland	(\$ 171,769)	(\$ 5,936)
Switzerland	(\$ 146,213)	(\$ 6,980)
Spain	(\$ 181,693)	(\$ 370)
Spain	(\$ 4,501)	(\$ 19,121)
U.S.A.	(\$ 7,720)	(\$ 20,891)
U.S.A.	(\$ 5,074,303)	(\$ 3,029,189)
Other	(\$ 5,437,549)	(\$ 2,922,523)
Other	(\$ 194,264)	(\$ 50,876)
Countries	(\$ 62,036)	(\$ 96,754)

Total values by main groups of commodities are given in the following table with the February figures in brackets:—

ROUND THE CINEMAS

LAST SCREENING OF
"WHOOPEE."
HEADS FOR COSTUMES.

The heads, millions of them, required in the hundreds of costumes in "Whoopie," the picture in the Queen's Theatre, came from prison factories in Nevada and Idaho. Because of special size and colour requirements, unobtainable anywhere except in distant Italian workshops, the heads were made and woven entirely by convicts and Indians. Samuel Goldwyn and Florenz Ziegfeld figure they saved six weeks' time and a great deal of money for the Eddie Cantor screen musical comedy in this manner. The costumes were designed by John Harkrider, of the Ziegfeld staff.

"THE BOUDOIR DIPLOMAT."

Mary Duncan went to buy a house and compromised by purchasing a pair of Pomeranian pups!

Attending the auction of a residence in Hollywood during the production of "The Boudoir Diplomat," the sophisticated Universal comedy which will be shown for the last time to-day at the Central Theatre, Miss Duncan inspected the house and decided not to bid, but found herself strongly attracted to a brace of tiny poodles belonging to the owner, and named respectively "Ping" and "Pong."

Lionel Belmore, who plays a prominent role in "The Boudoir Diplomat," the daring Universal comedy, easily qualifies as one of the screen's leading trans-Atlantic commuters, even though he has not crossed the ocean in the past 20 years. But during his earlier stage career he divided his activities between England and the United States, and made a total of 33 round trips across the Atlantic.

Both Lawrence Grant and Andre Bergeret, who appear in important roles in "The Boudoir Diplomat," Universal's scintillating comedy, are true cosmopolites, having lived for



Sergeant: "Allo, you here again. We haven't seen you for a week or two."

Pickpocket: "No, I've bin on me holidays."

Passing Show, London.

varying periods in many widely scattered parts of the world. Grant has lived in London, New York, Monte Carlo, Boulogne—and Hollywood; while Bergeret has been "at home" in London, Paris, Berlin, Amsterdam and Sydney, Australia—yes, and Hollywood, too. The duration of their residence in each of these cities was at least a year in every case.

IN "TOM SAWYER."

During Mitzi Green's visit to New York this latest child marvel of the screen has been standing, interviewers figuratively and literally on their heads. Generally after an interviewer sat down Mitzi would nonchalantly stand on her head and suggest that the writer do likewise. Seemingly to think that an interview was really a variation of "follow the leader," she invited her visitors to attempt all sorts of stunts, usually at great risk to their necks.

She would do the split, on the floor, expecting dignified young lady reporters to imitate her example. She would do the split on the wall by standing erect on one leg and swinging up the other vertically beside her with an ingratiating smile. Once when she toppled over this little parlor trick the ten-year-old arose with the smile undamaged and remarked casually, "That sometimes happens."

She insisted on skipping rope while answering questions, and just to prove that it was really no effort, she presently skipped it backwards. Then she ran around a chair for a change while handing out amusing replies; winding up by sliding one foot over the back of a chair and seeking herself thus. When it looked as if she had finally settled down, the telephone bell rang and Mitzi leaped to answer it herself.

"No, I can't see you now," she said in an important manner which indicated that she had listened to grown-up stars answering the phone. "I'm being interviewed and I can't be bothered."

She said that her favourite director is a Lother Mendon, or Uncle Lother, as she called him, and she identified him for her

VOLUNTEER CORPS

ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK.

Volunteer Defence Corps Orders by Lieut.-Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O., O.B.E., state:—

PARADES.

Engineer Company.
Monday, Miniature Range Shoot.
Machine Gun Company.

Parades—On Tuesday at 5.30 p.m. at Headquarters. Uniform:—Muffs, belts and sidearms.
Recruits under Sergt. Terry at Miniature Range.
N.C.O.'s under C.S.M. Slattery on the parade ground.
The Officers commanding the undermentioned Units will issue their orders separately to their commands:—

I.—Corps Band.
II.—Battery.
III.—Corps Signals.
IV.—Machine Gun Troop.
V.—Armoured Car Company.
(i) Car Section.
(ii) Motor Cycle Section.
VI.—Scottish Company.
VII.—Portuguese Company.

Musketry.

All Rifle Casuals who have not completed their course for 1930/31 will fire on the Peak Range tomorrow commencing at 9 a.m. Range Officer—Lieut. J. S. Rodrigues.

All M.G. Casuals who have not completed their course for 1930/31 will fire at Stonecutters on Sunday, 26th instant. Launch leaves Queen's Pier 9 a.m. and calls at Kowloon Police Pier 9.10 a.m. Range Officer—Lieut. J. F. Wright.

Appointment and Promotions.
No. 1540 Acting C.S.M. R.E. Slattery, No. 1 Platoon, is appointed Company Sergeant Major with effect from 24.4.31.

No. 1111 L/Sergt. C. E. M. Terry, No. 2 Platoon, is appointed Sergeant Instructor with effect from 24.4.31.

Transfer.

No. 1557 Pte. J. Smith, No. 6 Platoon, is transferred to Armoured Car Company, Car Section as from 17.4.31.

No. 1111 Sergt. C. E. M. Terry, No. 2 Platoon, is transferred to Machine Gun Company Headquarters as from 24.4.31.

Struck Off The Strength.
Having completed 3 years' service—No. 1296 Pte. F. A. Castro, No. 12 Platoon, as from 21.1.31.

Leave.

No. 1102 L/Cpl. E. M. Bryden, No. 7 Platoon, granted 8 months' leave from 31.3.31 to 30.11.31.

No. 1107 L/Cpl. S. A. Gregory, No. 2 Platoon, granted 9 months' leave from 1.5.31 to 31.1.32.

No. 1451 Pte. E. Himsforth, Armoured Car Company, Car Section, granted 1 month's leave from 7.4.31 to 7.5.31.

(Sgd) W. H. G. COATER, Captain, Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C.

hearers by saying, "He directed me in 'The Marriage Playground.'"

Her favourite actress, for playing with is Nancy Carroll, and she also enjoys scurrying about with Maurice Chevalier.

Mitzi has become a Bridge fiend, and begins the day by laying out four hands in readiness on a table and then lying in wait for three other persons whom she can trap into playing. She has already developed the astuteness of adult film players, and when one interviewer tried to snare her into expressing her preference for Hollywood or New York, Mitzi blandly observed, "You would ask me that!" and then shrewdly neglected to answer the question.

See Mitzi in "Tom Sawyer" in the King's Theatre to-day!

"BILLY THE KID."

Shooting to raytime is a novelty in dramatic touches introduced by King Vidor in his Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer story, of the old historic west, "Billy the Kid," which will open to-morrow in the Queen's Theatre for four days. Comedy is introduced into the stern atmosphere of the besieged McSweeney home of Lincoln, New Mexico, when its defenders, headed by John Mack Brown, as Billy, temporarily pump out their shots to the tune of "I've Been Cutting Paper Dolls," played and sung by Roscoe Ates, Wallace Beery plays another memorable character role in the production and Kay Johnson has the feminine lead.

RENEGADES
COMING TO THE

WHO WILL WIN?

LEAGUE GAMES AT HOME TO-DAY.

[Exclusive to China Mail—By "Linesman."] The following is a list of Home football matches to-day. The teams in black type may win; where no black type is shown the match may result in a draw:

ENGLISH CUP.

WEST BROM. v. Birmingham

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

ASTON VILLA v. Manchester C.
BOLTON v. Leicester
CHELSEA v. PORTSMOUTH
GRIMSBY v. Blackpool
HUDDERSFIELD v. Derby Co.
MIDDLESBRO v. Sheffield U.
NEWCASTLE U. v. ARSENAL
PRESTON v. Blackburn
WEST HAM v. Sunderland

Division II.

BRADFORD v. Swansea
BURNLEY v. Cardiff
MILLWALL v. Port Vale
Notts Forest v. Charlton
Oldham v. BRADFORD C.
PRESTON v. Bristol C.
READING v. Bury
Southampton v. Everton
TOTTENHAM v. Barnsley
WOLVES v. Plymouth

Division III.—South.

BRENTFORD v. Swindon
BRIGHTON v. Walsall
BRISTOL R. v. Clapton O.
CRYSTAL P. v. Bournemouth
Exeter v. QUEEN'S P.R.
GILLINGHAM v. Norwich
Luton v. Notts Co.
NEWPORT v. Thames
N'THAMPTON v. Fulham
SOUTHEND v. Watford
TORQUAY v. Coventry

Division III.—North.

Accrington v. Lincoln
Burrow v. Doncaster
CARLISLE v. Halifax
CHESTERFIELD v. Gateshead
CREWE v. Wigan
ROCHDALE v. Hartlepool
ROTHERHAM v. Blackpool
Southport v. Hull
Tranmere v. Darlington
WREXHAM v. Nelson
YORK C. v. New Brighton

Scottish League.

ABERDEEN v. Hamilton
Airdrie v. Hearts
Ayr U. v. Cowdenbeath
CLYDE v. Kilmarnock
East Fife v. RANGERS
FALKIRK v. Hibernians
Leith v. CELTIC
MOTHERWELL v. St. Mirren
PARTICK v. Dundee
QUEEN'S P.K. v. Morton

STABILISATION WARNING.

The Public Letter to
THE CURRENCY MISSION
in favour of
STABILISATION
will be closed

for
SIGNATURE
at
3.00 p.m. on Wednesday,
the 29th Inst.

LEOPARD ESCAPES.

Thrill For Visitors To The
Madras Zoo.

A leopard which escaped from its cage in Madras Zoo, made the most of a few minutes' freedom by attacking and mauling a cow, killing a monkey, and was stalking a couple of lambs in an enclosure when Sergeant Daney, who is employed in the Zoo, shot it through the heart.

The carelessness of one of the keepers in leaving a door open while he was engaged in cleaning the cage gave the animal its liberty. The leopard made a bound at a cow being milked and brought it to the ground. The owner fled and the leopard, after mauling the cow, slunk along a path where it slashed a paw at a monkey which happened to come in its way and fatally injured it.

Sergeant Daney was informed of the animal's escape and fearing it might attack visitors in the Zoo at the time fired his rifle at it, killing it.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—
Bruce—West wall.
Cicala—North wall.
Hermes—In Dock.
Marazion—No. 13 buoy.
Medway—No. 2 buoy.
Moonraker—North wall.
Odin—East wall.
Oisirs—No. 2 buoy.
Osvald—No. 2 buoy.
Olus—East wall.
Parsur—No. 2 buoy.
Possidon—No. 2 buoy.
Sandwich—South wall.
Seamew—North wall.
Strider—West wall.
Somme—South wall.
Sterling—West wall.
Tanzar—Basin.
Vindictive—North arm.
Foreign Men-of-War.
Adamastor—Portuguese cruiser.
Argus—French gunboat.
Helena—American gunboat.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dances at Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels; Dinner Dances at Repulse Bay and Peninsula Hotels.
To-day—University Graduates' Association Dinner, Lane Crawford's, 8.30 p.m.

Entertainments.

To-day—King's Theatre; "Tom Sawyer."
To-day—Queen's Theatre; "Whoopie."
To-day—Central Theatre; "The Boudoir Diplomat."
To-day—Majestic Theatre; "Career."
To-day—World Theatre; "Hwang Tien Poh" (Chinese pictures).

Lammert's Auctions.

Monday—At 4, Humphrey's Building, Kowloon, household furniture, 10.30 a.m.
Tuesday—At 39, Humphrey's Building, Kowloon, household furniture, 10.30 a.m.
Wednesday—At 5A, Luna Buildings, household furniture, 10.30 a.m.

Home Mails.

Monday—Outward for Europe via Siberia (President Grant), 6 p.m.
Meeting.
Monday—Court of University, 5.15 p.m.

Sports.

See Sports Diary on Page 9.

NATIONAL ECONOMY.

Need For Government Action.

Speaking on the present economic situation of the country at the annual dinner of the Chartered Surveyors' Institution, held at the Connaught Rooms, W.C. 2, on March 10, Lord Brentford said that for many years past both sides had vied with one another in spending the nation's money and in bribing the nation's voters, and the time had come to consider the most determined halt. Mr. Snowden himself realised it. Many other politicians and statesmen had paid lip service to economy. He did it himself, he said, when he was a Minister. But one sailed along with the happy idea that Britain would never be as the other countries of the world—hard up for ready cash.

They had now got to tell the people the truth—the truth as to the insurance dole, the truth as to social services, the truth as to education, and the truth as to the great fighting services. The insurance fund was some £70,000,000 in debt—probably it would be £100,000,000 by the end of the year—with no attempt at saying how it was to be repaid. It was in effect, a form of inflation, and the worse because it was invidious. Each year the taxes had been rising, and this year we were told there might be a big deficit.

There were some economists who advocated spending; he advocated saving. In national as in private life, the nation or the man who had overspent his income must cut down his expenditure—not merely, until his income and expenditure were stabilised, but until by saving he had paid off his debts and restored some of that capital which had been lost. He agreed that certain things, like war pensions, old age pensions, and certain obligations of the State, could not be interfered with. We were paying £100,000,000 a year in pensions. But that must stand; the honour of the nation was at stake.

Mr. E. H. Leder, the president of the Institute, said that he was no pessimist, and he thought we should pull successfully through our present difficulties. On the other hand, any person who looked at the situation through too roseate spectacles and having a knowledge of the facts, did not do his best to impress upon those less well-informed the serious nature of the situation through which we were passing and the need for meeting it by strong and practical action might be a greater danger to our country than the downright pessimist.

Grain exports from the Port of Saint John for the opening month of the season are more than three times the total for the similar month last season, the figure, up to December 23, being 1,668,588 bushels delivered from Canadian Pacific elevators as compared with 508,857 bushels for the corresponding period of the preceding year.

The consumption of natural gas in Canada during 1929 for domestic purposes was calculated to be sufficient to displace 540,000 tons of coal. Natural gas is found in abundance in Alberta, and in some parts of Western Ontario.

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April 26, 3rd Sunday after Easter.
Holy Communion, 8 a.m.
Holy Communion (Peak Church), a.m.
Children's Service, 10 a.m.
Matins and Sermon, 11 a.m.
Preacher: The Dean.
Evensong, 6 p.m.
Preacher: Rev. H. V. Koop.

UNION CHURCH.

Kennedy Road, Hong Kong.

Sunday, April 26, 1931.

Morning Service, 11 o'clock.
Evening Service, 6 o'clock.

Preacher: The Rev. H. O. T. Burkwall.

Social Hour after Evening Service.

Sunday School, Kennedy Road, 10 a.m.

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Subject:—"Probation After Death."

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SOVIET TRADE.

MARKET FOR BRITISH MACHINERY.

A meeting of those interested in the development of British-Soviet trade was held under the auspices of the Russo-British Chamber of Commerce at Bush House. Mr. H. E. Metcalf presided. Mr. Saul G. Bron, trade representative of the U.S.S.R. in Great Britain, referring to the Soviet timber industry, said: "There is no slave labour employed in the Soviet Union. Timber is being prepared in the Soviet Union by workers who are being hired on a collective agreement concluded between the trade unions, as the representatives of the workers, and the Timber Trust."

"The Soviet Union," Mr. Bron added, "is being industrialised, but it is well known that the more industrialised a country becomes, the greater are its requirements and the Soviet Union in machinery and raw materials are so great that even an increase in the internal production will not obviate the necessity of importing."

"The main obstacles at the present time," he concluded, "to a rapid increase in Soviet purchases in Great Britain is the question of prices and credit conditions. The Soviet was willing to increase its purchases from Great Britain, but would only be in a position to do so if prices were compatible with those of other countries."

BEET SUGAR PRICES.

Anglo-Dutch Group Operations.

It is officially stated that the Anglo-Dutch group of beet sugar factory companies have decided, in view of the support given by its growers, to operate its beet sugar factories at Cantley, Kelham and Ely during the manufacturing season of 1931. Beet contracts already offered will now be accepted and the contracts left will remain open until further notice.

Sufficient acreage has not yet been secured to warrant an immediate decision to operate the Ipswich and King's Lynn factories, but beet contracts already offered, or to be offered subject to further notice, will be accepted. In the event of either of these factories not being operated, arrangements will be made to transfer the sugar beet crops so grown to other factories in the group, the additional freight to be borne by the group, and not charged to the growers.

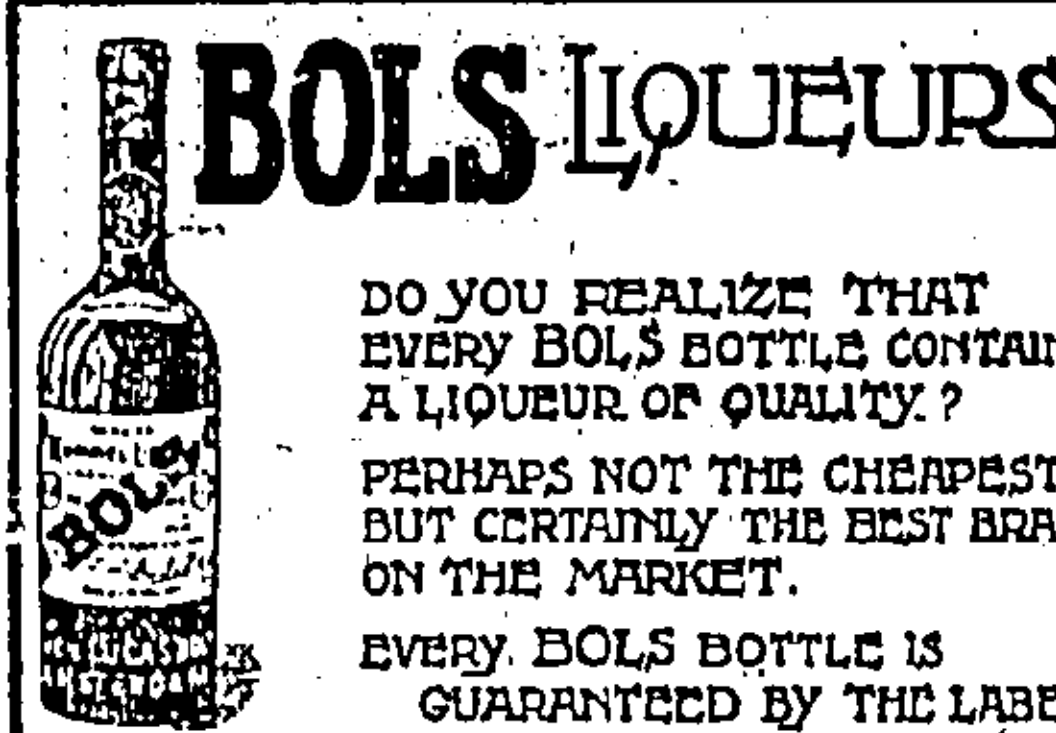
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WHO WILL WIN TO-DAY'S CUP FINAL

VERY CLOSE GAME

BIRMINGHAM'S CHANCE TO WIN THE TROPHY FOR FIRST TIME.

ELEVEN NEW MEDALS

(By H. S. Gold.)

Special to the China Mail.

The Final Cup Tie, which is to be played at Wembley this afternoon, is in the nature of a national festival. One hundred thousand people is a very low estimate of those who clamoured for seating accommodation months before to-day's great game. Though other kinds of sport become more spectacular and draw larger and larger crowds, the Cup Final retains its unique honour.

Fruitless Mission.

The demand for transport and seating accommodation is far greater than the output can possibly cope with, and I feel that this inadequacy of the supply of tickets to the demand will cause Birmingham factions and provincial enthusiasts to charter special trains, alas, only to find that there is no more room for them than there is for the London population. Though a few injuries are sustained each succeeding year as the result of irresponsible "catcrashers," the football authorities form a strong enough body of men to cope with the most serious of emergencies. Other more peaceful citizens will be content to sit on a 3d. cushion outside the ground and listen to a running commentary from a friendly and more fortunate onlooker at the back of the enclosures.

When Fortune Smiles.

This year two teams of moderate calibre have reached the Final, more as the result of dour fighting quality than skill and brilliant play. This does not in the least cast a shadow over this year's event. It is the Cup Final, is it not? It is the game in which the big match temperament is essential in the face of football's largest crowd. It is the game in which twenty-two players with nerves screwed tight at the end of a long season strive desperately for football's highest honour—a Cup medal! It is the match which proves the most fascinating due to the great number of unexpected results and the tremendous part that Fate takes in the destiny of the English Cup. The relative values of various teams of first-class calibre can be set aside as nought when it is remembered that the result of the game is in the laps of the gods and not dependent on the ability of the players of the most famous club.

It is indeed strange that this year's Final will be contested between two neighbouring teams—the sole survivors of the 526 clubs which entered the competition. Birmingham, who have adopted the name "Blues," have never reached this last stage of the long journey, but their rivals, "The Throbbles," are fully fledged Cup finalists, having won the trophy twice and in all have fought six finals, their most recent victory being in 1892. In the year 1886 the Birmingham club, then known as Small Heath, reached the semi-final but there they met with defeat at the hands of the Albion, so that a victory to-day would wipe out an outstanding account from their books.

The following shows the respective routes to to-day's Final.

3rd Round—v. Liverpool	2-0
4th Round—v. Port Vale	2-0
5th Round—v. Watford	3-0
6th Round—v. Chelsea	2-2
replay	3-0
Semi-Final—v. Sunderland	2-0

Total	14 goals to 2
West Bromwich Albion	2-2
3rd Round—v. Charlton	1-1
replay	3-1

4th Round—v. Tottenham	1-0
5th Round—v. Portsmouth	1-0
6th Round—v. Wolves	1-1
replay	2-1
Semi-Final—v. Everton	1-0

Total 12 goals to 6. What may prove to be an historic Cup Final will, in my opinion, be featured by the progressive, fiery type of football which is so disastrous to a machine-like defence such as the Albion possesses. No, I am not a Birmingham man, but simply one who recognises an exceptionally dangerous combination.

Fine Defence.

In defence Birmingham are served by Hibbs, the best goalkeeper in England, and Liddell and Barkas at full back. Morrall, in the half-back line, is one of the "finds" of the season and should be able to hold his line together and to feed his forwards to advantage. The forward line is perhaps the most lively line in first division football and, providing that all opportunities are accepted, the side should score more goals than the all-important one. Joe Bradford's marksmanship and the tactical brain of Crosbie will, I feel sure, give the "Blues" their first custody of the Cup.

One Weakness.

The "Throbbles" are well-known for their fine defence and the complete bottling up of the opposing wing players and as a consequence their goal average is one to be proud of—they have conceded but 47 goals in 40 games this season. Their method lies in the shadowing of the opposing wing forward by the wing half and the utter disregard of the inside forwards. This has worked successfully against teams who have had exceptionally good wingers, but the danger lies in the opposition adopting tactics suitable to the occasion. With an almost free hand the inside forwards, with good shooting powers can work irrevocable havoc upon a defence which is watching the wings instead of preparing for the frontal attack.

Their Mascot.

Birmingham in A. Taylor have a Cup mascot who is now training his second team for a Cup Final. He himself won a medal with Barnsley in 1912 and ten years later trained the successful Huddersfield team. Ted Barkas, the "Blues" captain, is full of confidence regarding the capture of the Cup for St. Andrew's. Glidden, the Albion's captain, does not base hope for success on individual brilliancy, but on solidity and co-operation. Should the game end in a draw, the re-play will be played at Villa Park, Aston Villa's ground, on Wednesday. The referee will be Mr. A. H. Kingscott (Derby), and the linesmen will be H. N. Mee (Notts) and W. T. Harper (Worcester).

SEVEN-A-SIDE FINAL TO-DAY.

Four Hours' Play at Twickenham.

ADDED ATTRACTION.

At Twickenham to-day a large gathering of Rugby enthusiasts will witness the final games of the seven-a-side Rugby competition. The finals will begin at 1.30 in the afternoon and there will be a "continuous" performance until six, with only a few minutes between each game and a ten interval of half an hour from 5 to 5.30. The Competition was organised by the Middlesex County Union and the proceeds will be devoted to the Middlesex Hospital Fund. It is a game which found its origin in Scotland though its popularity in the South is ever increasing. This year, over a hundred teams, a record number, sent in their entries. Rugby Union rules are enforced throughout even to the extent of obtaining special

permission to play after the "close" season and also permission to play less than fifteen players in a team. The rules of the game are observed during the matches. The games last a quarter of an hour, seven minutes each way, with an interval of a minute, and in the final, ten minutes will be played each way. Should there be a draw, five-minute periods will be played until one side or the other wins.

An added attraction this year will be a 1,000-a-side push-ball game which should provide many thrills and much excitement.

JAPANESE GOLFER IN AMERICA.

HIS SUCCESS.

San Francisco, Mar. 28. Arthur Sato, a diminutive Japanese, has won the city golf championship by defeating George Studinger in the 36-hole final by 4 and 8.

C. A. L. RUMJAHN IN THE FINAL.

BROTHER DEFEATED

Wins Convincingly in Straight Sets.

BRIGHT PLAY.

(By "Base Line.")

At the H.K.C.C. yesterday C. A. L. Rumjahn entered the final of the Open Singles tennis championship at the expense of his brother and a former champion, S. A. Rumjahn. Coming from Tientsin with the Northern championship in his possession, "C. A. L." disappointed his large number of supporters last year when he was defeated by his brother in the fourth round in straight sets. This year, however, he has made rapid strides and fully deserved his success yesterday. The scores 6-1, 7-5, 10-8 would imply a titanic struggle in the second and third sets, but this was hardly the case. "C. A. L." had the game well in hand after his easy win in the first set, and only carelessness and lack of initiative gave his brother an opportunity to prolong the struggle.

Faulty Tactics.

In the first set, impetuosity and faulty driving cost S. A. Rumjahn the set with the capture of but one game. In the second set he led 3-1 and then 4-3, but could not quell the storm of well placed drives down the side lines, and allowed his brother to go ahead at 5-4. A great effort in the tenth game saw "S. A." draw level but his brother went out at 7-5. The third set witnessed S. A. Rumjahn in his true form and the spectators were treated to a superb display of net play in the early stages, but, after holding the lead and relinquishing it, "S. A." was seen to tire after his exertions in the earlier sets. It was not, however, until the eighteenth game that a hard drive beat him at the net to give "C. A. L." the game, set and match, at 10-8.

Too Stereotype.

The winner was very safe when playing on the base line, but his approaches to the net were ill-timed and often proved fruitless. His tactics in the first two sets were those of reserving himself and giving his opponent the maximum amount of exertion to return his shots. Overhead he was far safer than his brother and his positioning was more praiseworthy. To my mind he was too stereotype in his return of the second service, but his almost uncanny anticipation more than atoned for this lack of initiative on his part. His shortening of length and lobbing when occasion demanded were executed with precision and earned him many valuable points, and his steadiness when fighting a base line duel was more than equal to that of his opponent. He, however, should signs of anxiety with the approaches of "S. A." to the net, and once or twice allowed himself to throw discretion to the winds with no productive results.

Weak Service.

S. A. Rumjahn took too long to settle down in the important first set and consequently was unable to make much of a fight for it. His driving lacked direction and length throughout this set, and his weakness overhead when tempted with well placed lobs was ever apparent. His service was never convincing; in fact, he served two doubles in the first game of the match. This could have been avoided by a little more restraint as he does not possess a terrifying second service. His approaches to the net in the second and third sets and his driving powers improved his position and allowed him to become the challenger instead of continuing his forced defensive play in the opening set. If a point was fought out for any length of time it could well have been credited to "C. A. L." before its conclusion, as "S. A." lacked the steadiness and patience of his brother. His driving with one or two notable exceptions displayed too much gusto and lacked conviction. Overhead he was deplorably weak and was easily shaken from his position at the net by clever lobbing.

It was indeed obvious that S. A. Rumjahn was not on his best form, but he went down smilingly before the onslaughts of his brother. "C. A. L." will now meet the winner of the Fincher-Le match for the Colony's Championship.

BRITAIN DEFEATS MONACO.

To Meet Belgium in Second Round.

Plymouth, Yesterday.

Britain won the doubles match to-day when Hughes and Kingsley beat Landau and Gallope by 8-0, 6-2, 6-0. Britain now meets Belgium in the second round of the Davis Cup.—Reuter.

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MAORI WOMAN BREAKS ENDURANCE
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"AN OXFORD MAN"

Here is a true story of Billiards. Walter Lindrum, the imperturbable billiards wizard, while compiling one of his four figure breaks against Tom Newman he said to Tom, who was taking a nap: "Mr. Newman, you cannot be very much interested in my billiards when you can go to sleep. Mind you don't snore and wake the gentleman sitting next to you."

A heavyweight boxer, bigger even than the giant Carnera, has been introduced to the public by Mr. Jeff Dickson, the famous American promoter, at his week-end show at the Salle Wagram, Paris.

The new fistie Goliath is a Swiss—Fred Montana—and at 21st. lb. and 6ft. 9in. he is about 20lb. heavier than the Italian, and half an inch taller.

One of the most remarkable riding feats ever recorded was that of the late Mr. Richard Rouse, father of Mr. H. C. Rouse, of Biraganbil, N.S.W. At a country amateur meeting with ten events on the programme, Mr. Rouse rode nine winners and could have "scouped the pool" but sportingly declined the mount on another horse which had a walk over.

Mr. Rouse was a great horseman, with wonderful hands, an essential characteristic of all really good riders. In his younger days he was dubbed "the Fred. Archer of Australia." The present owner of Biraganbil, Mr. H. C. Rouse, also a good horseman, was ambitious to follow in the family tradition, but weight rather cramped his style.

When the Prince of Wales on Uruguayan soil was a little messenger boy, who intercepted him as he came up the landing steps and handed him a telegram announcing that Cambridge had won the Boat Race.

The Prince, an Oxford man, smiled as he read the message, and then went on to meet the welcoming party, headed by the Uruguayan Foreign Minister.

Shall gate receipts be sacrificed to the spirit of the game? This is the question which confronts the French Rugby reform party in its efforts to meet the wishes of the four home unions.

The four home unions demand the abolition of the French championship as one of the conditions of the continuance of Rugby relations with France after the end of the present season.

The French championship is the bait which brings thousands of spectators to French Rugby grounds, and their money fills the coffers of the clubs to overflowing. Many of the matches are mere travesties of Rugby, and provide a spectacle of almost terrifying intensity. Thus the money behind the championship is making a mockery of Rugby in France.

Fred Laverton, of Skating, Aberdeen, completed at a Hebben Bridge (Yorks) skating rink a new world roller-skating endurance record of 68hr. 10min.

It is estimated that he covered over 700 miles. He shaved, washed, and took meals while skating and smoked over 400 cigarettes.

Mrs. Katerina Nehua, a Maori woman who enters swimming competitions in order to obtain money with which to buy food for her family, broke the world's endurance swimming record by five minutes. She remained in the water at the Balmoral Baths, Sydney, for 72hr. 9min., and at the conclusion was able to leave the water unaided.

Mrs. Nehua finished second to Miss Mercedes Gleitze in the recent endurance swim at the Manly open-air baths in Sydney, and received £100 as her share of the prize. Miss Gleitze on being told that Mrs. Nehua had entered in order to provide food for her four children, including a baby nine weeks' old, gave her £100 of the £300 which she won.

Jean Borotra, the lawn tennis player, was recently a plaintiff in a case in the Civil Court in Paris, when he sued a publisher for 250,000 francs damages for having inserted, without his permission, advertisements with a monograph written by the player. The Court will give judgment later.

Borotra has contemplated taking this action for a considerable time as a protection of his amateur status.

The largest sailing yacht built this year was recently launched in Portsmouth Harbour. This vessel is Sonia II, owned by Miss Carstairs, who is well known as an expert at the helm of racing motor-boats.

Sonia II, a three-masted auxiliary schooner of 450 tons, is a very beautiful model of a deep-sea sailing yacht, capable of great speed under canvas in a strong breeze. She is 120ft. on the waterline and 166ft. over-all length. She has a breadth of 27ft. 6in. and her draught is 15ft. 6in. She is rigged with what is now known as the "stay sail schooner rig."

This new style of rig can be worked with a comparatively small crew, because a large area of sail is sub-divided into a number of small sails. Every sail except the outer jib works on a jackstay on the masts. The square sail yard is the only spar to hoist. The three stay-sails are all self-working on booms, so that the jib sheets are the only ropes the crew have to handle in tacking.

Sonia II was built by Messrs. Camper and Nicholson, and her engines are Gardner Diesel, which should drive her at nine or ten knots.

A Press Association New York message says that Walter Hagen, four times winner of the British open championship, may stage another "comeback" at Carnoustie, where this year's event will be decided in June.

"I have been up to the peak, and I may go all again," Hagen said. "I've got all the glory that any man needs, and I'm allowing a host of friendships to grow. I love my friends and the fun I have with them."

"What was the most money you ever had at one time?" Hagen was asked.

"I know that one year I made £22,000 in golf. In the same year I lost £20,000 in a golf factory and in Rochester baseball. I had a lot of fun winning and losing. I didn't starve to death. So why worry?"

PROBABLE ELEVEN
FOR TO-DAY.

FOOTBALL.

Division I.

BORDERERS v. KOWLOON.
Borderers:—Johnson; Mullane, Williams; Morgan, Eynon, Underwood; Pallister, Harris, Davies, Channing and Duncan.
Kowloon:—Angus; Martin, Dawson; Hedley, McKelvie, Caplin; Pils, Dinning, Gillet, Grimwood and Janson.
Reserves:—Simpson, Eastman, Gilchrist and Williams.

POLICE v. NAVY.

Police:—McHardy; Wynne, Perkins; Thorpe, Brittain, Shephard; Cornwall, Wheeler, Oram, Scott and Brown.
Reserves:—Minty and Bentley.

CRICKET.

League I.

UNIVERSITY v. R.A.—University
Ground at 2 p.m.

University:—D. J. N. Anderson (captain), A. Baker, L. T. Vile, D. R. Sam, F. A. Redmond, A. B. Salomon, A. M. Rodriguez, A. T. Nommahy, A. Chan Fook, K. P. Gan, and F. R. Zimmer.

HOCKEY.

Y.M.C.A. II v. "CHEERO" NAVAL & MILITARY Y.M.C.A.—King's Park
at 3 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. II:—G. C. Moss; A. Tate, L. W. Tipple; L. Macey, F. Allen, L. A. Bates (captain); J. J. Ferguson, W. H. Smith, H. Pragli, F. Parker and H. Muller.
Reserve:—W. J. Brown.

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL.

AT HOME.—To-day—Indian
Recreation Club at Sookunpo.
CRICKET.—To-day—League I.
University v. R.A. at Pokfulam at 2 p.m.

FOOTBALL.—To-day—First
Division:—Borderers v. Kowloon. Police v. Navy.

HOCKEY.—To-day—Cae Clark
Cap.—Recreio v. D.G.S. on R.B.S.F.P.A. ground; Y.M.C.A. II v. "Cheero" Naval and Military Y.M.C.A.

LAWN BOWLS.—May 2—Open-
ing of League Season.
May 9. Entries close for Open Singles Championship.

HOME.

FOOTBALL.—To-day—English
Cup Final, Wembley: Holland v. Germany at Amsterdam.

GOLF.—To-day and To-morrow
—Professional Tournament, Torquay.

Monday—Army Championship,
Sandwich.

RACING.—Wednesday—Two
Thousand Guineas.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.—To-day—
Seven-side Finals at Twickenham.

To-morrow—France v. Germany
at Paris.

GOLF.

STARTING TIMES FOR
TO-MORROW.

The Secretary of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club supplies the following list of starting times for Fanning to-morrow:—

9.20 a.m. J. K. MacFarlan, A. H. Ferguson.
9.24 " V. R. Gordon, A. H. Penn.
9.28 " D. L. Prophet, A. Sommerfeld.
9.32 " R. H. Griffith, E. B. Gammell.
9.36 " O. Eager, W. A. Butterfield.
9.40 " E. P. Fletcher, F. C. Young.
9.44 " P. S. Grant, J. E. Richardson.
9.48 " R. R. Davies, J. Forbes.
9.52 " F. A. Redmond, D. J. Gilmore.
9.56 " C. Mycock, J. S. Dykes.
10.00 " L. R. Vallance, H. S. V. Mossop.
10.04 " W. C. Shields, A. D. Humphreys.
10.08 " Comdr. Priestley, E. D. Matthews.
10.12 " J. B. Lanyon, J. R. Collis.
10.16 " A. R. Cox, A. Webster.
10.20 " D. G. Bruce, D. Forbes.
10.24 " J. A. R. Selby, D. S. Robb.
10.28 " R. Ritchie, A. Leach.

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WHAT GOLF COSTS THE BEGINNER.

MEANS AND TEMPERAMENT.

"What is the truth about the cost of playing golf?"

This question reaches me from a young man who is eager to take up the game but who, as he explains, does not wish to launch into something that is going to prove to be beyond his means to keep up with.

How Can I Answer?

Golf is not the most inexpensive of games, but it can, within certain limits, be said to cost what you make it cost.

The only firmly fixed item is the golf club subscription. Subscriptions vary widely, even with two clubs standing side by side. Then there will probably be an entrance fee and an occasional subscription for the staff or for the professional.

Once these are paid, the golfer spends according to his means and his temperament.

Practises Alone.

There is the lad who goes out quietly in the morning or the evening, or at the quietest time of play, and practises alone with a couple of clubs and a few old balls that he has bought as repairs—balls that are made to last until they are lost. At the other end of the scale we have the man who belongs to several clubs, and whose pleasure it is to invite three friends from one club to join him at another—a party that involves meals, caddies, cards, and probably entertainment in the evening.

Between the two there are the greater number of players who enjoy their actual golf in the best conditions but do not enter lavishly into the social round.

One fact must be kept in mind when comparing golf with other games—golf is not the diversion of an hour or two; it is usually a full day at least, with eighteen holes in the morning and eighteen in the afternoon, and that day leaves little urge to do much in the evening except enjoy a quiet rest.

To make the most of matches the golfer must devote himself to a certain private practice, especially during the first year or two.

Golf, in fact, is an all absorbing activity; it will occupy much of the spare time of the enthusiast, and many of his holidays.

That is why it is almost impossible to answer a question about the cost of golf.

The cost of golfing equipment is probably exaggerated in the mind of the novice.

You can buy three or four golf clubs for the price of a good lawn-tennis racket, and these clubs will serve you indefinitely. "Bobby" Jones uses fourteen clubs, but many good players use only seven—driver, brassie, spoon, strong iron, mashie, niblick, and putter. The beginner's bag should hold nearer seven than fourteen clubs.

Here again the question of individual taste comes in.

Most golfers who carry seven, eight or nine clubs have probably bought two dozen or more in their time. They have slowly assembled a collection of clubs that suit them, or with which they feel comfortable. There is no real necessity to do this, however, although collecting golf clubs is a fascinating pastime.

Cost of Balls.

That much-debated question, the cost of golf balls, must be faced.

Even this depends on the player and on the nature of the course over which he plays. One course I know has a pond that is responsible for much of the trade of the professional's shop; another course hardly ever traps a ball irretrievably. There are some golfers who use a new ball for every round and who, when compelled to put down a ball to replace one lost, never put down anything but a new ball. There are others who regard this as ostentatious display of wealth, and who are proud to steer a ball several times round the course without cutting it up.

Expenses for Beginner.

Many of the expenses of golf press hardest on the beginner.

He must pay entrance fee as well as subscription, and he must assemble a bag of clubs. He will be very badly advised if he attempts to begin to play without a course of lessons from the professional, and he is likely to lose more balls, or to cut more in half, than the more experienced player. The customary modest stakes for which matches are played will more often come out of his pocket than go into it.

These facts need not discourage the youthful enthusiast, however, for golf is most easily learned in youth, and once the first two or three years are over expenses settle down to a steady sum that is determined by the golfer's own tastes.—(China Mail Copyright.)

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The Australian Auditor-General's report, tabled in the House of Representatives, estimates that a million adult wage-earners do not pay Federal income-tax.

He draws attention to public extravagance in Australia, giving as instances the fact that Australians possess 650,000 motor vehicles, representing money to the value of £200,000,000.

Another extravagance is horse-racing, he says, pointing out that 643 meetings were held last year in Victoria alone.

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10.44 " A. B. Purves, K. S. Robertson.

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Dr. R. H. Kotewall, LL.D., was re-elected President of the Club for 1931, and Dr. N. P. Karanjia, Dr. Tan Tjong-lam, Dr. B. K. Jap, Messrs. S. P. Loh, S. L. Wong, T. K. Tan, G. S. Scully, and Prof. W. Fild were elected Vice-Presidents. Mr. S. L. Wong (last year's captain) was elected Chairman; Mr. Y. K. Ng, captain; Mr. C. K. Tan, vice-captain; Mr. P. P. Kho, hon. secretary; and Mr. Y. B. Lau, assistant hon. secretary.

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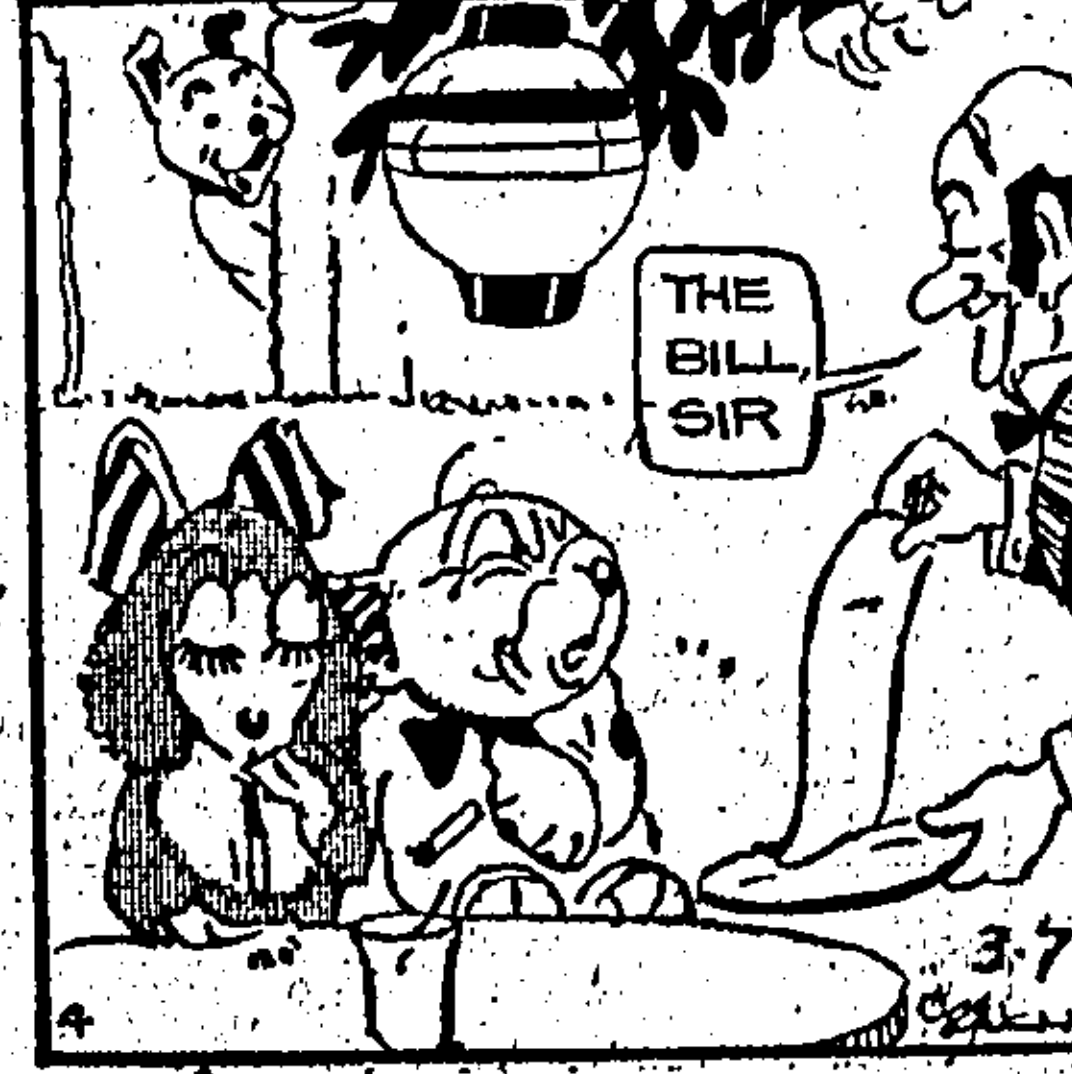
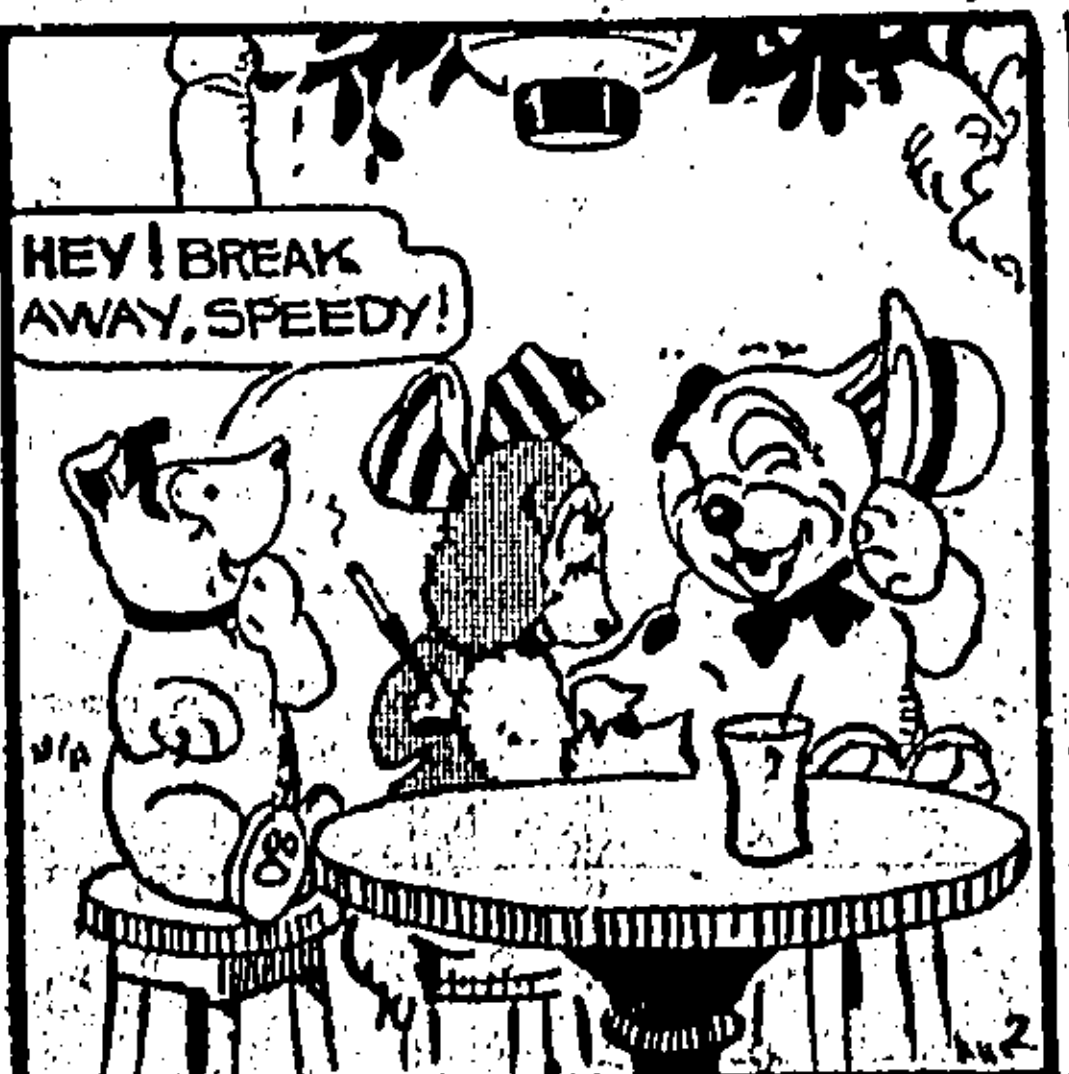
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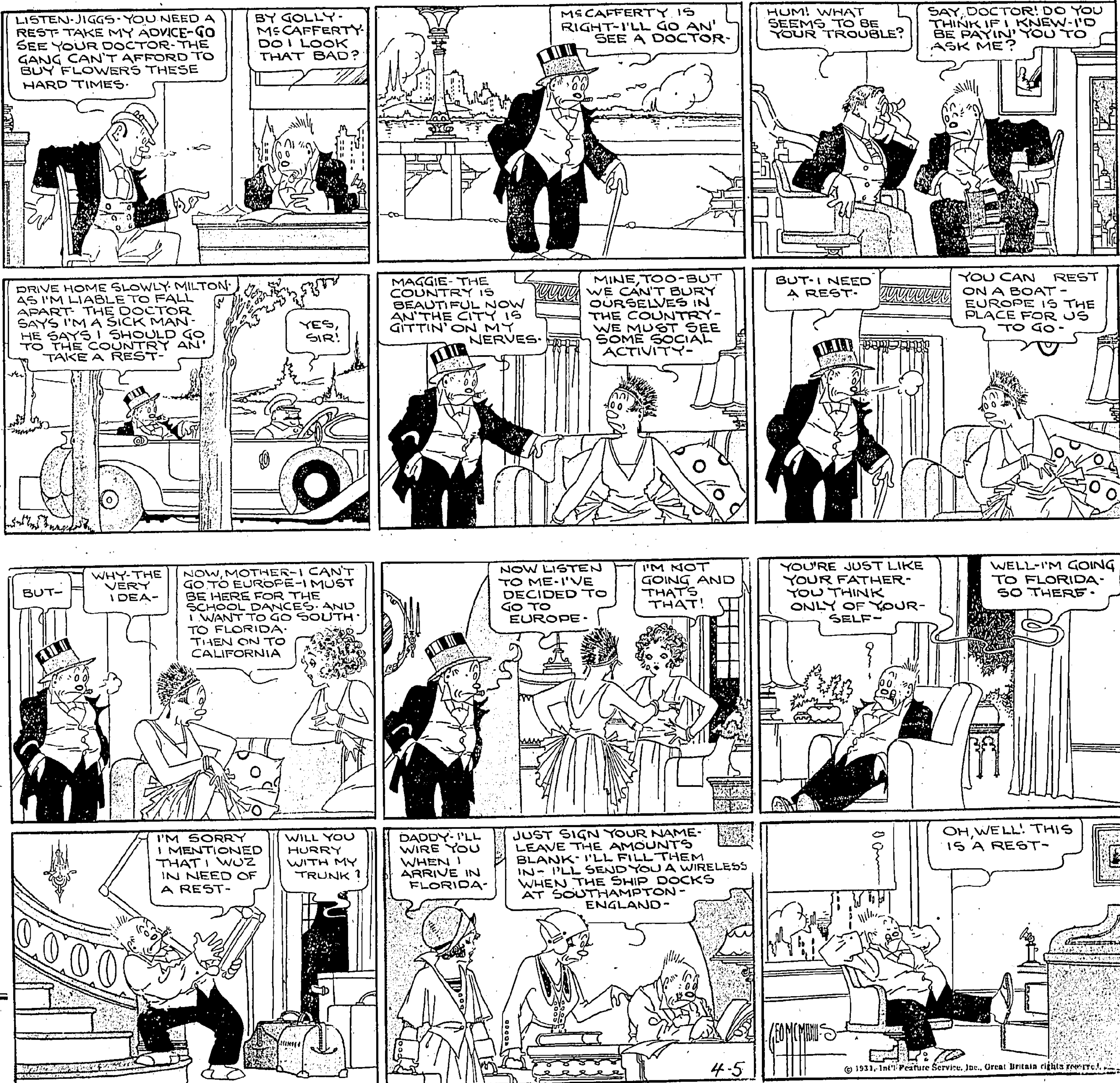
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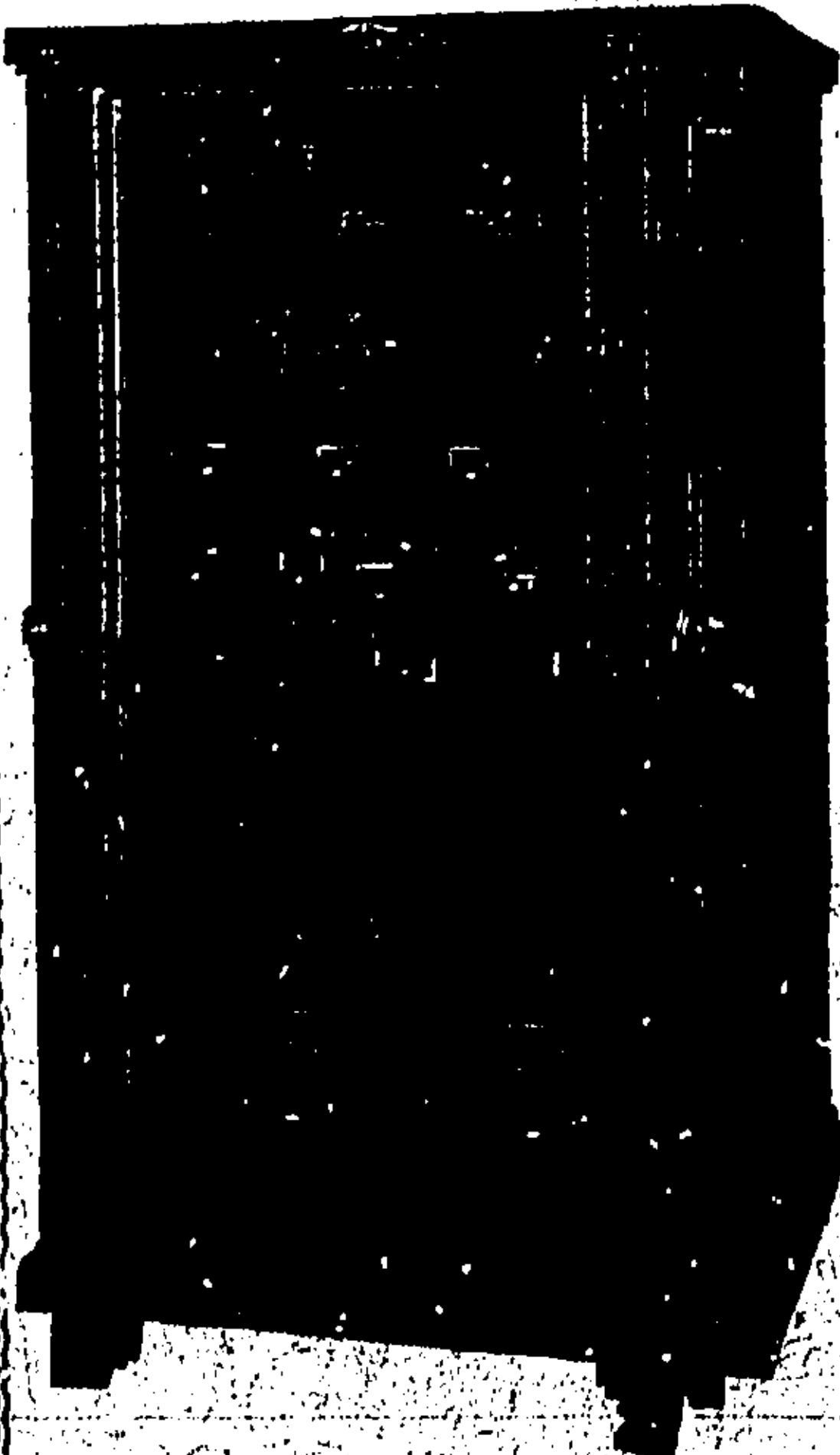
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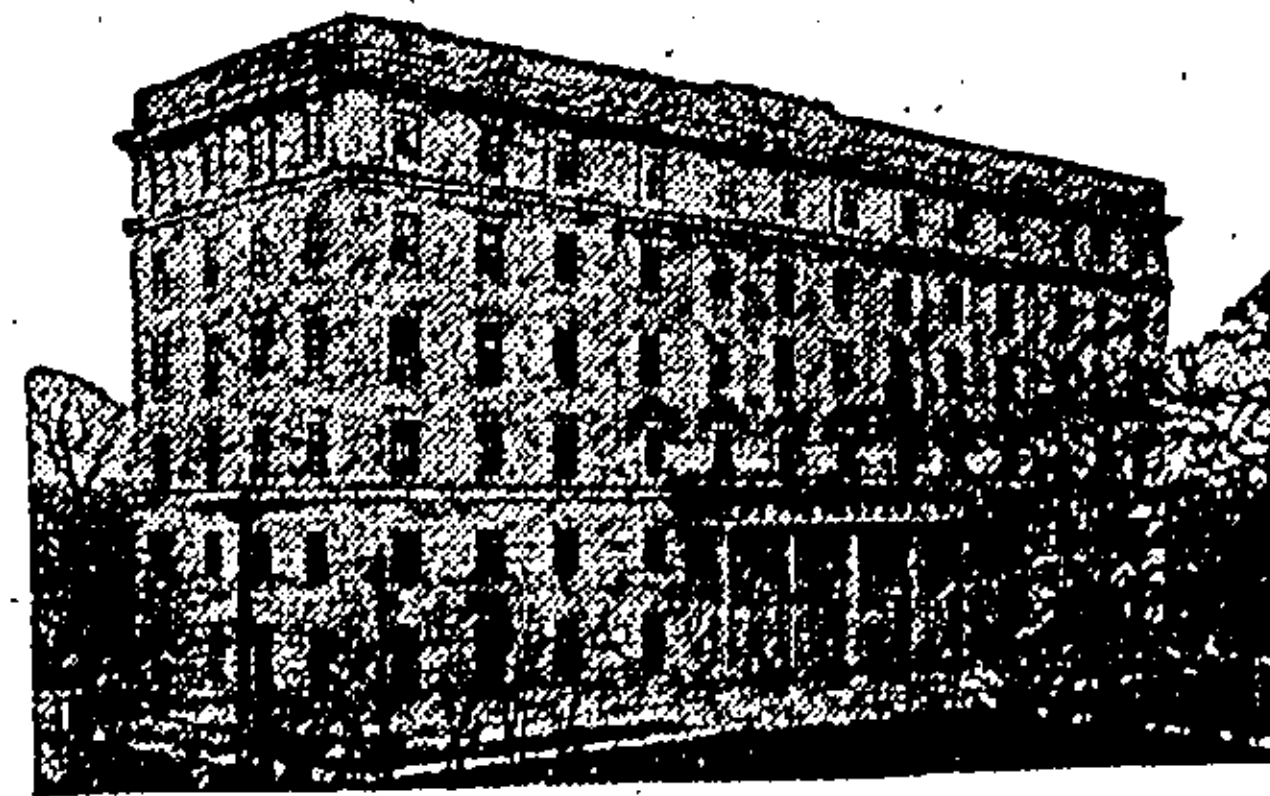
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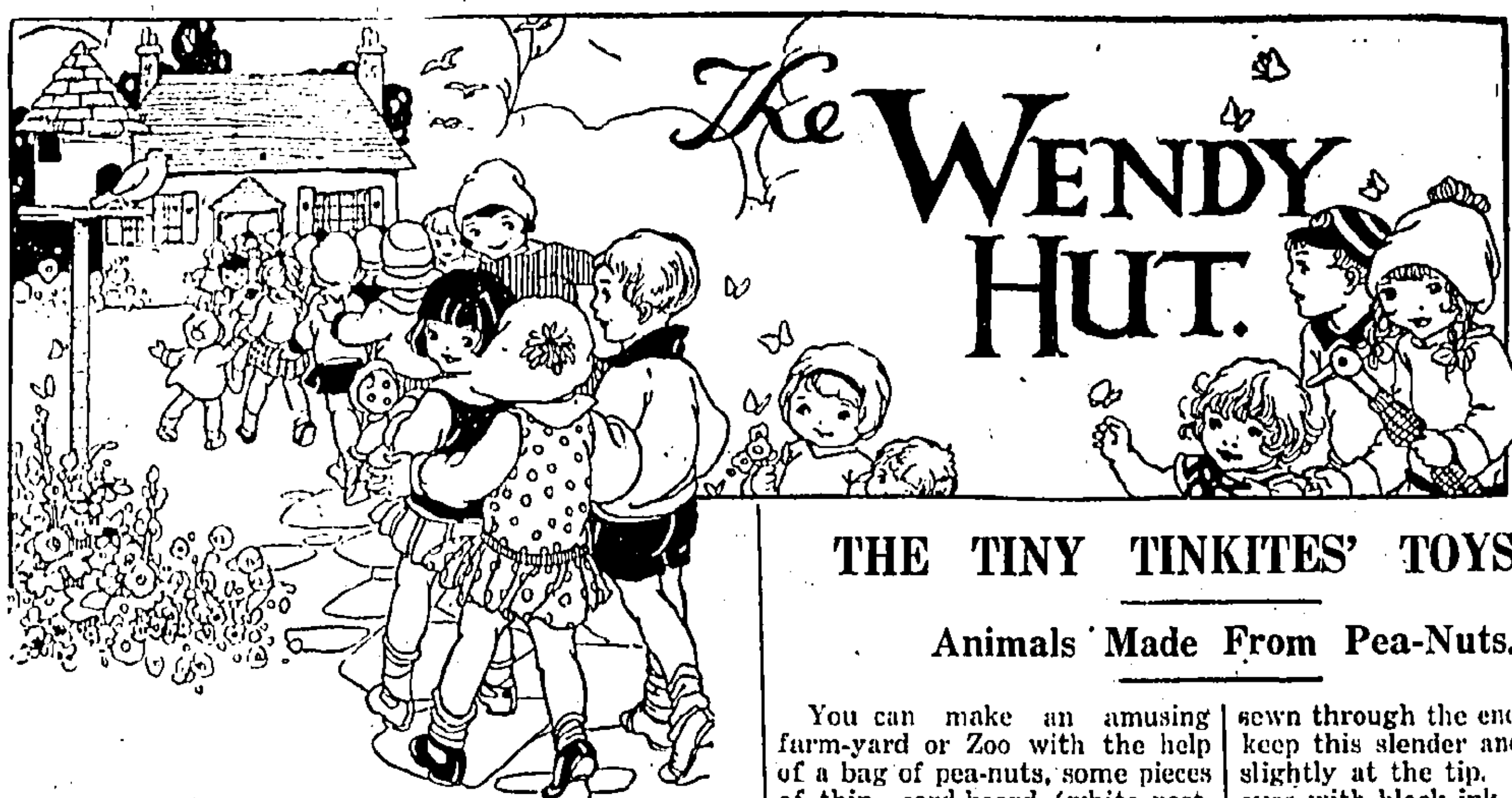
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BOYS OF LONG AGO.

MORTIMER.

"When do we start?" asked Mortimer. "Even the days of the week are no longer certain—is Monday to be called Friday?"

Mortimer was irritated. The journey from London to Salisbury was always a dangerous affair, but to go by coach was most vexing. His aunt, whom he was escorting, tapped Mortimer's hand with her fan.

"The chocolate has got into your head, Mortimer," she tutted. "It is not the names of the days which are to be changed, but the dates of the month. Our



"Mortimer ... put on his mask."

calendar, they say, has been wrong ever since Julius Caesar compiled it, and to put it right eleven days are to be omitted. So the third day of September, 1752, is to be the fourteenth of that month. As we start for Salisbury on the second of September, there will be no confusion."

But Mortimer was only a little more irritated because he knew all this perfectly well. For one year they had spoken of nothing else. He was tired of this change in the calendar, and wondered

why his aunt could not ride on horseback as usual. Now they would have to dispatch messengers to find-out the bad places on the road; and no doubt the coach would come to grief in the grips, or cuttings full of water, and he would be obliged to assist in getting it out with poles.

Grumbling to himself, Mortimer went to a certain toyshop to buy a mask, and four little red silk bags of false money were handed to him discreetly with the parcel.

During the first day's journey, all went well. But on the second day, as the coach approached a turnpike gate, a great crowd of furious people rushed towards it. There was no way of escape, so Mortimer and his aunt put on their masks, and the two coachmen prepared for a fight.

"Give us back our eleven days!" howled the people.

Mortimer shouted that he had not taken their eleven days and they must go to Parliament about it, and suddenly his aunt flung a bag of money into the crowd. Then off went the coach before the people discovered that the money was false. After a while, Mortimer saw a gentleman riding furiously with his young daughter clinging behind him, followed by a stone-throwing mob armed with clubs.

"Give us back our eleven days!" shouted the crowd.

Mortimer called a halt, and the gentleman, protected by the coach, tried to address the enraged people. But Mortimer threw two little red bags out of the window and begged the crowd to go and drink to the resurrection of their eleven days.

"Sir," he whispered to the gentleman, "that money is false—this is a new trick of the road but 'twill not be a secret for long. Is there any place of safety hereabouts?"

"At my house," replied the gentleman. "'Tis not safe to travel till the new calendar is forgotten."

So Mortimer and his aunt spent eleven very pleasant days, and the gentleman's daughter confessed to Mortimer that she had lost a birthday and didn't know what to do about it!

A Shilling Catch.

Go up to a friend and say to him: "Divide one shilling among two people, so that one gets a penny more than the other." At first he will be sure to be wrong, or hesitate in answering.

The easiest solution is:—Give one penny to A, who has to receive a penny more than B, and

divide the remainder (eleven pence) equally among A and B (fivepence-half-penny each).

How Are You?

"Corking!" said the bottle. "Fine!" said the magistrate. "Grand!" said the piano. "Keen!" said the knife. "Ripping!" said the scissors. "Well!" said the water.

THE TINY TINKITES' TOYSHOP

Animals Made From Pea-Nuts.

You can make an amusing farm-yard or Zoo with the help of a bag of pea-nuts, some pieces of thin card-board (white post-cards will serve splendidly), and a few match-sticks.

The Camel.

Choose a nut with a hump on it, something like the one in the picture. From the white card-board cut a head the shape of illustration I in the top right-hand corner. Mark in eyes and mouth with black ink, remembering to do this on both sides of the head; then, with a sharp pen-knife cut a small slit in the nut and slide the head into it at the point marked A in the diagram. To make the tail, sew through the end of the nut with black darning-wool and fluff this out a little at the tip. Sharpen four match-sticks; stick three of

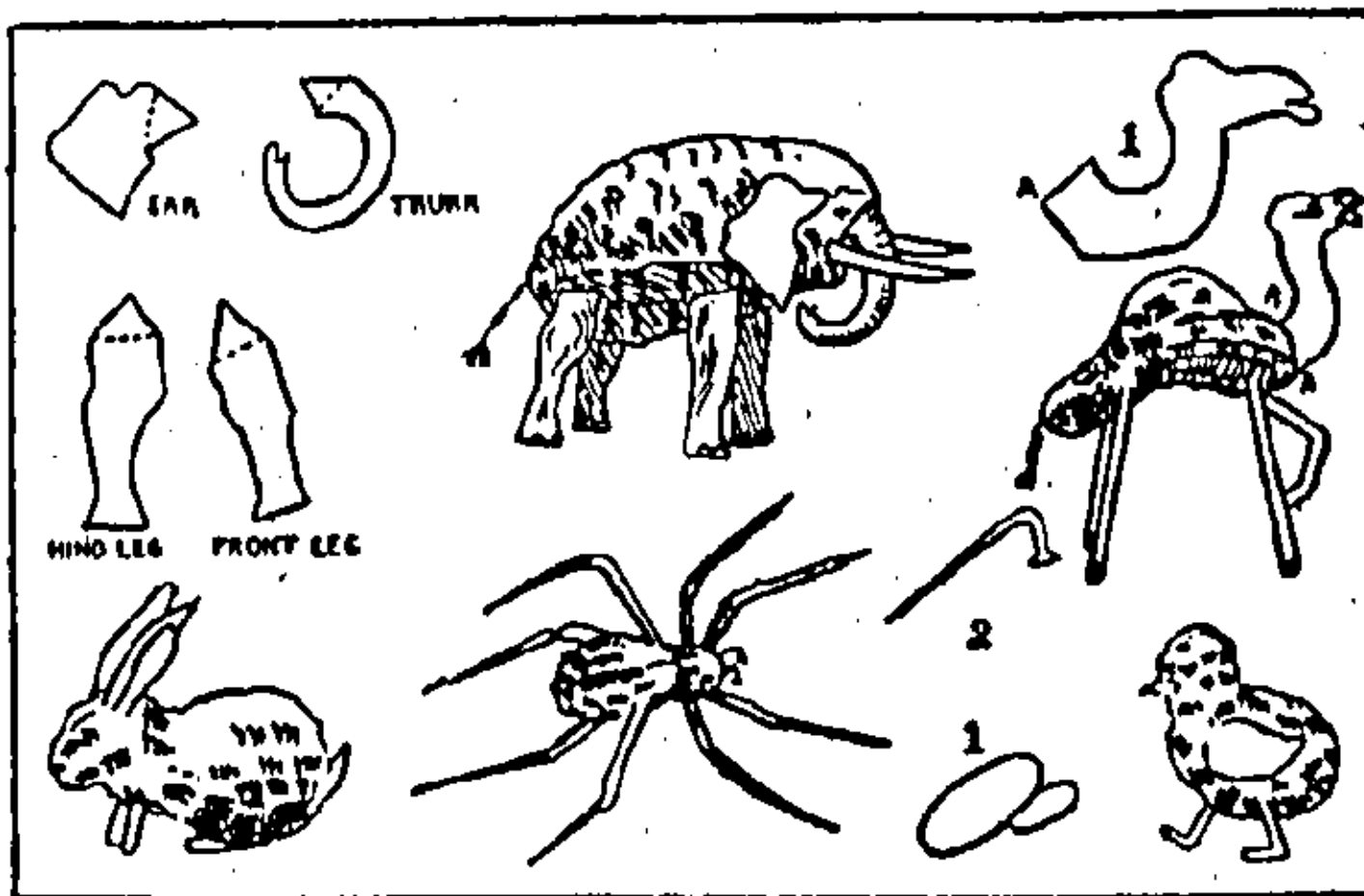
sewn through the end of the nut; keep this slender and fluff it out slightly at the tip. Mark in the eyes with black ink.

The Rabbit.

Cut two long ears from the card-board, and paste one on each side of the pea-nut which you have chosen as being most like a Bunny in shape, as shown in the illustration. Cut another small piece for his tail and stick this on. Bend two short pieces of match-stick to form the hind legs and stick the upright part of each into the nut so that the flat portions rest on the table. Finally stick in two short sticks for the fore legs.

The Spider.

Find a nut something like the shape in the lower middle illustration. Point both ends of eight match-sticks, bend each one



You can make all these little "Zoo" fellows from pea-nuts, match-sticks, and scraps of white cardboard.

these in position so that the animal will stand up, and bend the fourth to suggest that Mr. Camel is walking.

The Elephant.

Cut two pieces of card-board for his ears; two for his hind legs, two for his fore legs, and one for his trunk. Copy the shapes illustrated in the top left-hand diagrams for these. Now choose a pea-nut as near as possible to the shape of the elephant sketched; cut slits in this and insert the ears, legs and trunk in the positions shown in the picture. The tusks are two pointed pieces of match-stick, and the tail is a piece of darning wool

slightly in the centre, and push these into the nut to suggest Mr. Spider's legs. Bend two black pins to make the "feelers" and stick them into the top end of the nut. The little diagram I shows the shape of the nut to choose; and 2 shows the pin bent for a "feeler."

The Chicken.

The nut for this should have a part inclining upwards to suggest the head. Cut the wings and the beak from card-board and slide these into slits cut in the nut. Stick in two short pieces of match-stick for legs, bending them as shown, and mark in the eyes with black ink.

FISHERMAN'S LUCK.

"Ah, the sea is a poor place," thought the young fisherman. "Nothing in it but fish, and it's hard to make a fortune out of fish. Now if only I lived in a land where gold grew I could take a spade, dig it up, and be a rich man at once. And here's a storm coming, too! Now I shall go home without even fish."

It was an angry storm, and the fisherman's little boat was tossed by a huge wave a long way out of its course. Then the storm rushed away home, and the fisherman found himself close to a high rock which jutted out of the sea. As he looked towards the shore, a timid little voice spoke to him.

"Fisherman, Fisherman, carry me down."

The wave had snatched me away from my town, And lifted me up on this cruel height, Where I weep, and tremble, and quake with fright."

Looking up, the fisherman saw a little green mermaid clinging to the top of the rock, and he thought it would be very dangerous indeed to go up and fetch her. He was just going to shake his head when she spoke again.

"I will give you the purest gold I will bring you riches untold;

Fisherman, Fisherman, you are so brave, Rescue me, rescue me, from the great Wave!"

Now, the fisherman felt sure there was no gold in the sea, and that the little mermaid could give nothing but sand. But he had

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A Work Bag From An Old Felt Hat.

Don't throw away your old felt hats, Little Dressmakers! You can cut away the brim of one and use the crown as the basis of a really attractive work-bag. This would make a splendid present, or it would fetch a good price at a Bazaar.

Besides the crown, you'll need about half a yard of gay coloured casement cloth or satcen, and a few odds and ends of wools in bright mixed shades. Measure round the base of the crown—which will be used upside down—and cut a piece of the casement



A useful work-bag, made from the crown of an old felt hat, a piece of coloured casement cloth, and odds and ends of bright wool. Dressmaker tells you all about it.

cloth about fourteen inches deep and long enough to go round the crown, with an inch over for the join. Stitch the material to the crown, and sew up the side seam. Make a lining exactly the same size, and sew that to the inside of the bag. Turn in a casing round the top, thread, drawstrings through this, and the bag itself is finished.

Decorate the felt part with little scattered embroidered wool flowers and green leaves, and sew a cluster of crochet flowers at one side. Diagram A shows the bag half-made; Diagram B shows an embroidered flower; and Diagram C shows a "close-up" of the wee crochet wool flowers which are stitched on one side just where the felt is joined to the material. To make each of these flowers, work 3 chain, join into a ring, work 2 double crochet into the hole next the hook, then 1 d.c. into the next hole, 2 d.c. into the next, and so on all round, until the flower is the size you want it. One inch across is a good measurement. The leaves are worked with jade green wool: do 6 chain, then turn, work 1 single crochet into the hole next the hook, 1 d.c. into the next, and work treble crochet into the last remaining holes. Fasten off neatly, and sew the leaves amongst the flowers. Go over the join at the top of the felt with buttonhole stitching in one of the colours of the flowers. Wendy's Dressmaker.

TINK'S CROSS WORD PUZZLE.

The letters beside last week's puzzle were arranged like this: M on TH. And so, of course, you decided that the hidden word was "Month"—and you were right! Full solution of puzzle:—

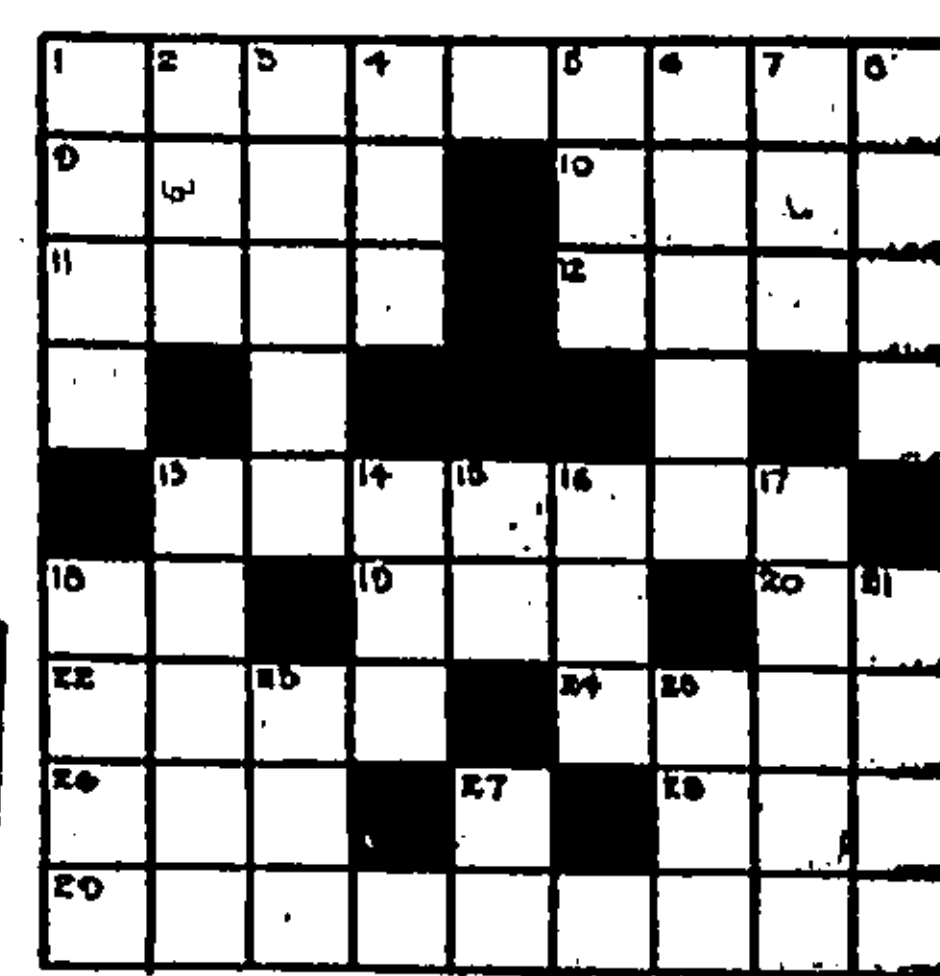
Across.

1. Brag (Boast).
5. Part of verb "to be" (Is).
7. Insect (Ant).
8. Pronoun (He).
10. Hidden word (Month).
11. Haughty (Proud).
12. Snatch (Grab).
13. French for "he" (Il).
14. Large quantity (Lot).
15. Used on washing-day (Soda).
17. Another insect (Spider).
19. Perform (Do).
20. Regions (Areas).

Down.

1. Wicked (Bad).
2. Upon (On).
3. Preposition (At).
4. Pronoun (Thou).
6. School-children (Scholars).
9. Conclusion (End).
10. Unruly crowd (Mob).
11. For (Pro).
12. Pleased (Glad).
13. Notion (Idea).
15. Title (Sir).
16. Poem (Ode).
18. Father (Pa).

Now you see a kind of box with two letters printed on it. I wonder if this suggests to you the name of a well-known English city? It is hidden in the puzzle.



What English city does this represent?

Clues:—

Across.

1. Fascinate.
9. Region.
10. Old.
11. Mark left by a wound.
12. Number.
13. Hidden name.
18. Exclamation.
19. Follows neither.
20. Preposition.
22. Jeer.
24. Belonging to you.
26. Large bird.
28. Devoured.
29. Gave up hope.

Down.

1. Box.
2. Part of a circle.
3. Fruit.
4. Jack.
5. Large vehicle.
6. Nimble.
7. Number.
8. Garden of the Bible.
13. Sound of bells.
14. Compass point.
15. Therefore.
16. Endeavour.
17. Road to be travelled.
18. Same as 10 across.
21. Boy's name (abbreviated).
23. Public vehicle.
25. Used for rowing a boat.
27. British Dominion.

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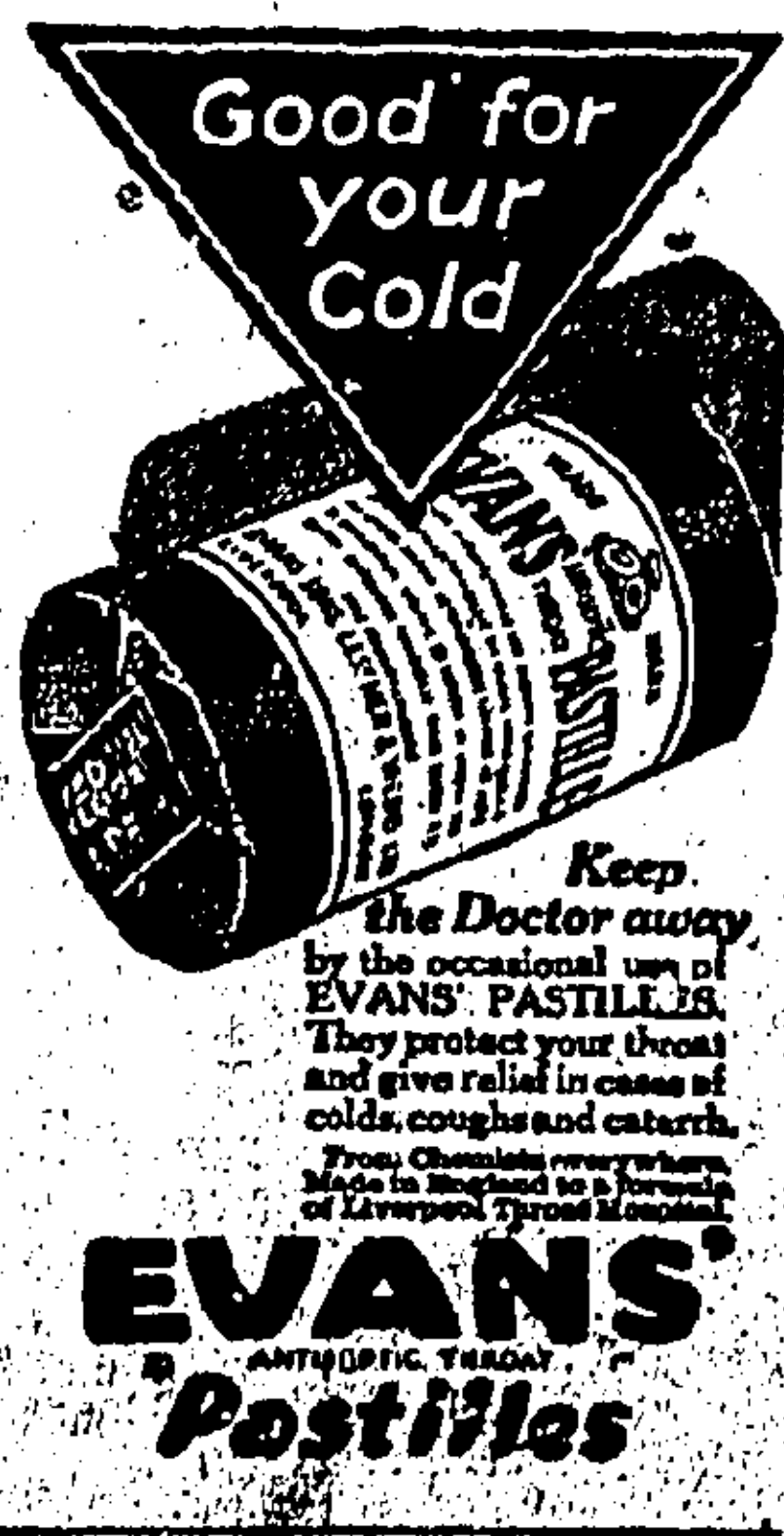
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HUH! I WONDER IF THAT'S THE BOSS ON THE PHONE? I'LL HAVE TO ANSWER IT—IT MIGHT BE ROSIE.

IT'S A SHAME THAT I HAVE TO DECEIVE ROSIE AS WELL. BUT IF I WENT OUT-DOORS THE BOSS WOULD FIND IT OUT.

OH ARCHIE, DEAR! I'M WORRIED—I THOUGHT YOU'D BE UP AND OUT BY TO-DAY—I'M SO UNHAPPY—TO-NIGHT IS OUR COLLEGE DANCE AND I HAVE TO GO—

WHO IS GOING TO TAKE YOU?

SUFFERING CATS! MY HATED RIVAL IS GOING TO BE ROSIE'S ESCORT WHILE I SIT HERE FORCED TO SHAM ILLNESS.

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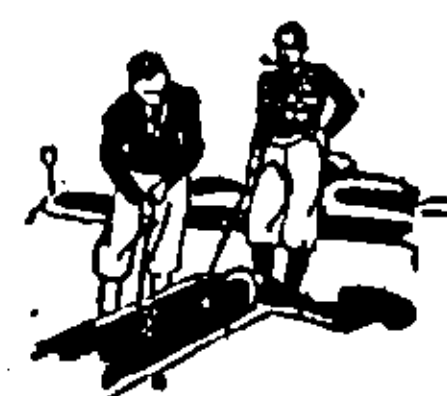
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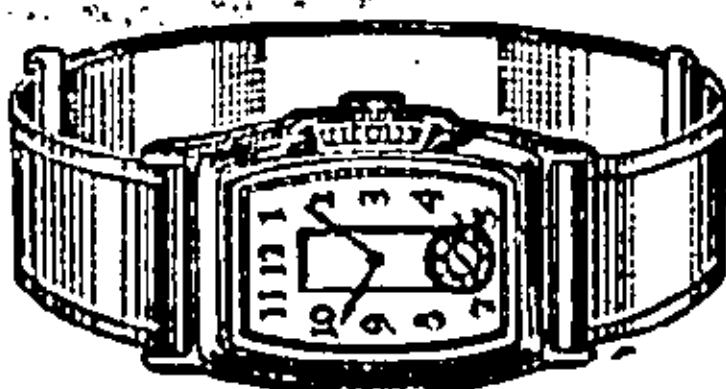
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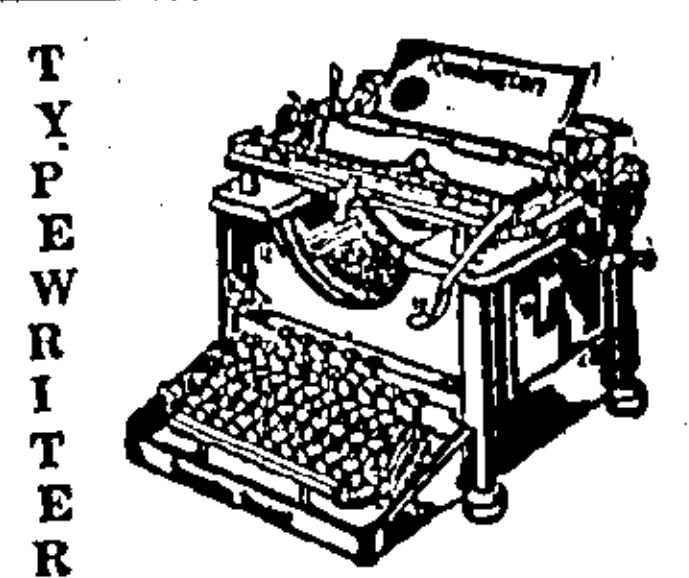


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MAIL REVIEWS.

WOMEN IN THE FUTURE
UTOPIA.

"A Woman's Utopia: A Daughter
of Eve"; Benn, 3/61.

The reviewer of this book is
faced with no easy task, for the
ideas of the writer are so ill-de-
fined and inconclusive that the
ideal state she tries to describe
never assumes more than an
extremely nebulous outline. The
first chapter contains one sound re-
mark: "There must be no in-
equality. The man Utopian is a
leveller and he always levels
down.... Now if it were possible
to realise that ideal, the whole
population of the world would be
lower middle class. A truly dis-
maying prospect! The author
would have a King and Queen in
her Utopia "for the sake of the
poetry of it," again good sense for
even the reddest of us has in his
heart a love of pageantry, and this
is more successfully moved by
figures who are *ex officio*, as it were,
a little aloof and inaccessible.

From this consideration the book
jumps to the discussion of house-
work and cookery, and from a great
deal of vagueness there emerges
one clear and practicable sug-
gestion that cookery should be an
honoured profession for women as
it is for men (though not many wo-
men have the palate which is need-
ed for supreme artistry as a cook)
and that the most skilful should be
rewarded with a diploma and the
title of *chief*. Honours should be
awarded only to those engaged in
dangerous occupations. The two
principal Ministries are to be those
of Mining and Water. The latter is
to provide reservoirs which will
eliminate all possibility of a short-
age and canals which will solve the
problem of transport, relieve un-
employment, and make home pro-
duce once more profitable.

Parliament is to consist of the
Men's House and the Women's, the
former to deal with foreign affairs
and finance, the latter with all that
concerns the home and the family.
The women are to be robed in a
uniform which will invest them
with grace and dignity. There is
a vague and idealistic sketch of
education, but the carrying out of
the scheme presupposes a nation
of artists and poets, and some of us
will say would produce one of
sentimentalists and "greenery-
valley" aesthetes.

Religion is dealt with next and
appears to be a conglomerate of
Christian Science and the optimism

of Robert Browning. So the reader
wanders on through chapters on
dress, marriage, leisure, and for-
eign relations. In exasperation he
will cry with Hamlet "Words!
words! words!" and thank Provid-
ence that in the meantime at any
rate he is not at the mercy of such
sentimental and incoherent think-
ing.

WHITE RUSSIANS.

"Tobit Transplanted" by Stella
Benson; Macmillan 7/61.

Struck, as she tells us in the pre-
face, by the curious exact parallel
between the position of the exiled
Jews in Tobit's day and that of the
exiled White Russians in our own,
Miss Benson has retold the story
as a novel of the life and surround-
ings of the White Russian refugees
in Manchuria.

Old Sergei Malinin, whose whole
life is a conscious posing that
others may see him as he wishes to
be seen, and his pathetic and in-
fectious wife Anna are the parents
of Seryozha (Tobias). The boy
sets out on the long, difficult
journey to Seoul to collect money
that is owed to his father, and is
accompanied by his guardian
angel, Mr. Wilfred Chew, barrister
of the Middle Temple, London, who
has been "carefully educated in
Christian principles at the
Wesleyan Academy at Yueh 'Lai
Chow." He meets, awakens, and
marries Tanya, the girl whose cold
beauty has been the destruction of
her seven would-be lovers, and
finally returns in triumph with his
bride and the money. The excite-
ment of the meeting cures old
Malinin of the hysterical blindness
which had afflicted him for so long.

A brief summary can give no
idea of the richness of the material
in the book. The landscape is
conveyed in passages of exquisite
description and suggestion, while
the confusion of races and tongues
amid all the jostling life of the
Chinese villages, is most vividly
and clearly drawn. It is difficult
adequately to praise Miss Benson's
writing. Her sense of words is
so delicate, the metaphysical
quality of her imagery so right,
and so thoughtless and so right,
that she is arrested by its indi-
viduality that the style can never
be described by any casual analysis.
It must be felt, and even then its
elusive beauty may escape the care-
less reader. All the characters,
including the animals, are intensely
alive and very subtly suggested by
word, gesture, and thought.

The plot moves easily and
steadily forward at a pace that is

sufficiently leisurely to allow the
reader to enjoy the digressions
which are among the best things in
the book—the scene of the burial
of the dead Russians, the episode
of the stranded dog and buffalo,
the constant brooding on life and
death, and the amazing insight into
things that, on the surface, are
small and ordinary, but are really
charged with tremendous implica-
tions for those who have eyes to see
them rightly.

There is, moreover, as in all Miss
Benson's work, a delightful sense
of humour which has enough pith
to save it from cynicism and enough
bitterness to keep it far from senti-
mentality. Since the days of her
earliest novels discerning readers
have looked forward eagerly to each
of her new books; this one will not
disappoint them.

KULTUR "ON THE SPOT."

Mr. Edgar Wallace now domi-
nates Germany as the King of
Fiction, and Mr. Bernard Shaw and
Mr. Galsworthy take a back place.
This is the impression of Miss
Cicely Hamilton, conveyed in her
new book, "Modern Germanies, as
Seen by British Women," (Dent, 7s.
6d.).

"The works of Bernard Shaw and
Galsworthy," she says, "are no
doubt familiar to large sections of
the German public; I have seen
them in good class bookshelves
shops. But familiar to larger, far
larger, sections of the public must
be names of our leading exponents
of the murder mystery."

"The long cigarette-holder of our
Edgar Wallace must be almost as
well known to the inhabitants of
Central Europe as to those of the
British Isles; through the agency
of that prolific pen of his,
the manners and customs of
our criminal classes, our
C.I.D. and our gangs of racing
crooks must be matter of common
knowledge from the Maas to the
Memel, and from the Baltic to the
shores of Lake Constance."

Miss Hamilton discusses "The
Cult of the Bare," German senti-
ments, the sport craze, the "youth
movement," Jew-baiting, modern
building, and the new German
army.
"Anti-Semitism. In Central
Europe," she says, "is a force both
widespread and dangerous."
Of late, she says, "it has grown
more acute, and she adds, "that
which a generation ago was merely
dislike of the Jew has now
strengthened into something like
hatred."

FIFTY MILES OF BOOKS.

British Museum's Spring
Cleaning.

Seventy men, armed with pails,
mops, brushes, dusters and other
paraphernalia of Spring Cleaning
invaded the Reading Room and
other of the students' rooms at
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vidually at these Spring and Autumn
cleanings, but the superficial dust
is removed.

Watching it Grow.

Three members of the British
Museum staff, Messrs. W. Nicholls,
G. Wickham, and W. A. Pinker,
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ROUND THE CAMP
FIRE

HONG KONG SCOUTS.

Week-End Training Camp At
Sai Wan.

On Saturday afternoon a party
of Patrol Leaders, complete with
Patrol flags and kit, met on Blake
Pier, to journey by launch to the
Boy Scouts' Training Camp at Sai
Wan for a special week-end Train-
ing Camp.

The harbour was a little choppy,
and even after boarding the launch
half a dozen or so, land Scouts of
course, decided upon the greater
comfort afforded by tram! How-
ever there was no need for alarm,
for after leaving North Point,
smooth waters were entered, and
at Lyemun a number of boys
were easily transferred to the Sea
Scouts' "gig" with an efficient band
of Sea Scouts in command. Sai
Wan was reached, the boys, stores
and kits were landed and carried
to the Camp in record time and
without a hitch, the Sea Scouts
providing the necessary rowing
party from the launch to the
beach.

Camp Craft and Camp Fire.

Sites being allotted, tents were
pitched, and the newly formed
patrols, (formed from all troops
specially for this camp) were soon
friends; as though they had known
each other all their lives, and all
made themselves so completely at
home that one could imagine they
had lived at Sai Wan always; in-
stead of which, until Friday last,
some of the patrols had not seen
each other possibly, and while
some had seen Sai Wan from the
distance quite a number had never
seen it, nor been there—such is
the spirit of Scouting. Upon
completion of "occupation" a
brief talk by the Commissioner for
Hong Kong on the object of the
camp, the breaking of the flag, and
work began, attention being first
claimed with camp "gadgets," and
those little things which make
even camp life comfortable and
homelike. Although for a week-
end anything elaborate is hardly
necessary, quite a number of use-
ful objects could be seen round
some of the patrol tents. Being
a Training Camp patrols were re-
sponsible for their own cooking,
and for the preparation of dinner
the camp presented a picturesque

and animated scene—with six fires
and six groups busily engaged in
preparing dinner. After this
meal had been disposed of, all
gathered in the Camp Fire Circle,
and round a real fire, solos, vocal
and instrumental, duets, choruses,
'dumb show' stunts, and war cries,
showed the Scouts to be entertain-
ers, and a most enjoyable hour
was spent. After prayers, all ad-
joined to their "homes," and
"lights out" and a tour of in-
spection by the Deputy Camp Chief
found all peaceful—but only in
one or two cases in spite of
stentorian noises (?) were boys
asleep. So ended the first day, in
which everything had worked as per
programme, and the weather fine.

Tracking and a Wager.

At 7 o'clock on Sunday morning,
about half the company braved the
"briny" and enjoyed a swim, to be
followed by tea and biscuits, pro-
vided from the Central Cookhouse
—thus creating a healthy ap-
petite for the more serious meal of
porridge, eggs and tea which were
to constitute breakfast. While
Camp Inspection was in progress, a
heavy shower rather damped
things, but not the spirits of the
boys, and after prayers and flag-
break, knotting and lashing were
carried out in bursts of sunshine.
Camp hygiene and First Aid oc-
cupied the next session, and the
stretchers made with staves, scarves
and anything available were quite
worthy efforts, and showed the
ingenuity of Scouts—although in
one or two cases the patient would
have recovered very quickly rather
than be carried on one, or would
have been put beyond recovery by
it. Skipping lightly to the beach,
the company were soon solving
the problem which perplexed
"Robinson Crusoe," and after their
instructions, would have had no
difficulty in explaining to "R.C."
whether Friday was running, walk-
ing, or hop-skip-and-jumping when
he made those tracks. The Scouts
were very keen on this, especially
the Sea Patrol, for two of their
number, beyond the hearing of the
D.C.C., had rashly wagered one of
their tiffin sausages that certain of
the footprints on the sands had
been made by a man walking back-
wards. "Doug" of the Kowloon
Scottish, and "Sam" of the Sea
Scouts, had made this wager, and
"Doug" had to forfeit one sausage.

Fortunately there were no more
competitions before tiffin so all
were able to enjoy full rations.

The usual rest hour, with the
usual unrest, followed this heavy
meal and at 3 o'clock the patrols
were given a cryptic message
where to pick up a trail—which
then had to be followed. Only
two reached the bitter end, but one
of these failed to locate the hidden
message, so the honours went to
the cuckoos. In fairness to the
last patrols, it might be mentioned
that some of the marks had been
obliterated, and made the follow-
ing of the trail difficult and almost
impossible.

Breaking Camp.

After tea, stores were returned,
the tents erected on the outlying
districts were struck, and the
beach once again saw a happy band
on pleasure bent. Some of the
more hardy ones, but only a few,
tried swimming, but found the
water too cold, so a few games
were indulged in. The weather,
which up to this time had been ex-
ceptionally good, changed, and it
was soon pelted with rain. No-
thing daunted, normal duties were
carried out, brailings lowered, guy
ropes slackened, and at 7 o'clock
sandwiches were provided, while
at 8 o'clock a tired but happy band
hit the long, long, (or so it seem-
ed) trail from the Camp to the
Shaikwan tram terminus. During
this "hike," the Scouting spirit
was again in evidence by the sing-
ing and cheering—besides ex-
aggerated warnings of s-e-p.
Boys were dropped at various
places on the way home, and cheers
from the sheltered tram sent them
on their way through the down-
pour; the last to leave were the
boys for Kowloon—so they cheer-
ed themselves ferryward—and all
were safely home by half-past nine.

The object of the camp was to
give Patrol Leaders and Seconds an
idea of training their own patrols,
and while proving most successful
in this direction, was one of the
happiest camps spent by the boys
—both British and Chinese. Ac-
companying the Scouts were six-
teen Chinese boys, who were most
anxious to become Scouts and form
their own troop in Kowloon, and
their initiation into the movement
under such favourable conditions
must have made a favourable im-
pression on them, and they as-
signed themselves quite easily to
the discipline and routine of camp
life.

So the memories of another
happy and enjoyable camp are left
with the forty Scouts of the many
troops attending, and the Scouters
whose privilege it was of being
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GOLD STOCKS.

FLIGHT OF CAPITAL FROM SPAIN.

U.S. CHECK.

New York, Yesterday.
The idea that stocks of gold and capital must be regarded as a common pool to be drawn upon for the needs of the whole world is, according to the New York Times, one of the points that Mr. Montague Norman has been advocating during his recent visit to the United States.

Meanwhile, the United States' enormous gold stocks will be further swollen by the impending despatch of a further \$2,600,000 from France to America, in spite of the recent efforts of the United States Federal Reserve authorities to check the influx of gold.

A Treasury official at Washington suggests that this latest importation is connected with the flight of capital from Spain.

Reuter's American Service.

Soviet Gold for Germany.

Riga, Yesterday.
The tenth consignment of Soviet gold for Berlin, as payment for orders, passed through here last night from Moscow, valued at \$1,000,000.—Reuter.

BLESSING OF FISHING FLEET.

Picturesque Ceremony on Eve of Departure.

St. Malo, France, April 6.
The annual "pardon" or blessing of the fishing fleet before it sails to the cod fishing banks of Newfoundland was observed at St. Ceryan here to-day.

Their ships gaily bedecked with bunting and flags, the hardy crews of the little fleet knelt in prayer on the decks while the Bishop of the diocese passed along the lanes between the ships in a tiny pinnace and blessed men and craft. On the hillside above the port the womenfolk and children of the sailors crossed themselves and prayed on their knees for the safety of their loved ones.

The fleet this year is only a shadow of the brave little fishing armada which set out across the Atlantic in 1930 because since then terrific autumnal gales took a heavy toll of ships and men who normally would have joined the Newfoundland fleet this Spring.

After the blessing of the ships to-day a procession was formed to the Cathedral at St. Malo where prayers were again offered for the safety of the sailors. The formation of the Newfoundland fleet this year has been delayed because of dispute over wages between crews and owners. The fleet is expected to sail to-morrow at dawn. It will not return for three months. When it does, some of the women on the cliff tops will wait in vain.—United Press.

TOWN DESTROYED.

Lithuanian Fire Disaster.

Koenigsberg, April 1.
The Lithuanian town of Plungian has been destroyed by fire. 300 dwelling houses and 700 warehouses and office buildings fell a prey to the flames. The Fire-Brigade was unable to fight the conflagration for hours owing to both the water conduit and fire-engine motors being frozen.

The recent fur auction of the Canadian Fur Auction Sales Company in Montreal was pronounced satisfactory as to demand and values. A total of 9,447 fox skins were sold at an average price of \$53.07.

UP-TO-DATE BANDITS.

Haul of Gramophone Records.

SPORTS GEAR.

Peking, Yesterday.
The bandits holding Miss Augusta Nelson were evidently of the most modern type, for in addition to a money ransom they demanded gramophone records, tennis rackets and balls, basket balls, chess-boards, wrist watches, fountain pens, footballs as well as gasoline and ammunition before they would release the captive.—Reuter.

WOMAN ARTISTS.

MEDALS WON IN SPITE OF MALE RIVALRY.

Rugby, Yesterday.
In spite of the competition of well-known men artists, women have won both the Silver and Bronze Medals offered for the first time at the Spring Exhibition of the Royal Society of British Artists. Miss Sylvia Gosse, daughter of the late Sir Edmund Gosse, the well-known author, has won a Silver Medal and Miss Dorothea Sharp a Bronze.—British Wireless Service.

SILVER SLUMP.

PLEA FOR INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE.

London, Yesterday.
In view of the depreciation of silver and the serious effect it is having on Eastern trade, a meeting of the Association of British Chambers of Commerce in London has passed a resolution requesting the Government to use its influence to secure the holding of an international conference to stabilise silver prices.—Reuter.

THEIR TASK ENDED.

LORD AND LADY IRWIN ON THE WAY HOME.

Rugby, Yesterday.
Lord and Lady Irwin are expected to arrive in London from India on the afternoon of May 2.—British Wireless Service.

PROFITS FROM PAINT.

International Company's Progress.

The International Paint and Compositions Company is able to record a net profit for 1930 of \$110,905—an increase on the year of \$5,091. The reserve of \$35,000 is to be increased by \$25,000, making it \$110,000. The sum of \$5,000 is written off the Standard Paint Company, reducing this asset to \$38,000, and \$1,421 has been charged for the payment of premiums, in connection with the superannuation scheme. The staff benefit fund receives \$3,000.

A final dividend of 9 per cent. is proposed for the ordinary shares, which will make 12 per cent. as compared with 10 per cent. for 1929, when the ordinary capital was \$12,000 smaller.

An old provincial landmark, the fifty foot wooden tower at Penniac which has served the National Geodetic Society and provincial forest service for many years, has been replaced by a modern steel structure, which will link up with the elaborate fire protection system of New Brunswick. The tower rises to a height of 80 feet.

FIVE YEARS' PLAN.

DENOUNCED BY BRITISH CHAMBERS.

MARKETING METHODS.

London, Yesterday.
"This new method of marketing which constitutes a serious attack on the commercial system of the whole world" was denounced at a meeting of the Association of British Chambers of Commerce, when discussing the Soviet five-year plan.

A resolution was passed instructing the Executive Council to study the effect on British trade of Russian manufactures steadily increasing as the five-year plan develops, and the marketing of such goods at prices not related to the true cost of production.

Sir Sandeman Allen declared that while he did not predict success for the Soviet plan, the Soviet's output was increasing at a startling rate, and would seriously affect the industrial and commercial interests of other nations, at present passing through a grave economic crisis.—Reuter.

SMALL CASES.

Mr. Justice McCordie's Criticism of Police.

"The serious crimes list is to-day more bulky than it has been at any time during the past sixty years," said Mr. Justice McCordie in his charge to the grand jury at the Sussex Assizes, at Lewes.

"From a close study of the matter for many years," he added, "there are, in my view, in this country at the present time far more persistent criminals than in previous years, and the criminal of to-day is a cleverer man than the criminal of a generation ago—hence the number of crimes which, though detected, are not prosecuted."

He added that he thought it right to point out that in his opinion the attention of the most able police in the country had, in recent years been distracted to the utmost by being called on to deal with innumerable minor offences, whether breaches of the motor law or of by-laws, so that they had been unable to give an adequate amount of attention to the detection and prosecution of serious offenders.

Mr. Justice McCordie added that one of the reasons why he was glad to be assisted by a grand jury was that it was one of the bulwarks against the undue growth of bureaucracy.

BAN ON NEGRO SINGER.

London Hotels Refuse Accommodation.

London, April 2.
According to the Daily Express, London hotels have refused to receive Mr. Roland Hayes, the distinguished Negro who sang before Their Majesties at Buckingham Palace a decade ago, and who will arrive in London early in May to give a series of concerts.

Failing to secure rooms at an hotel for him, his friends have arranged private accommodation instead.

British Columbia's sea fishery catch in 1930 amounted to 538,585,000 pounds, which represented 54 per cent. of the total sea fishery catch of Canada. Its average value is \$25,000,000 per year; it gives employment to 20,000 people using 7,000 boats and 150 canneries, salteries, cold-storage and reduction plants. The herring fisheries of British Columbia last year yielded 100,000,000 pounds of dry-salted fish.

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